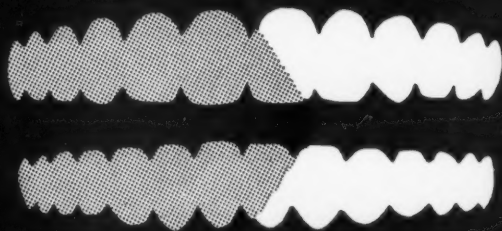


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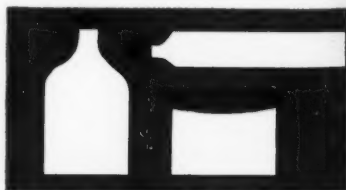
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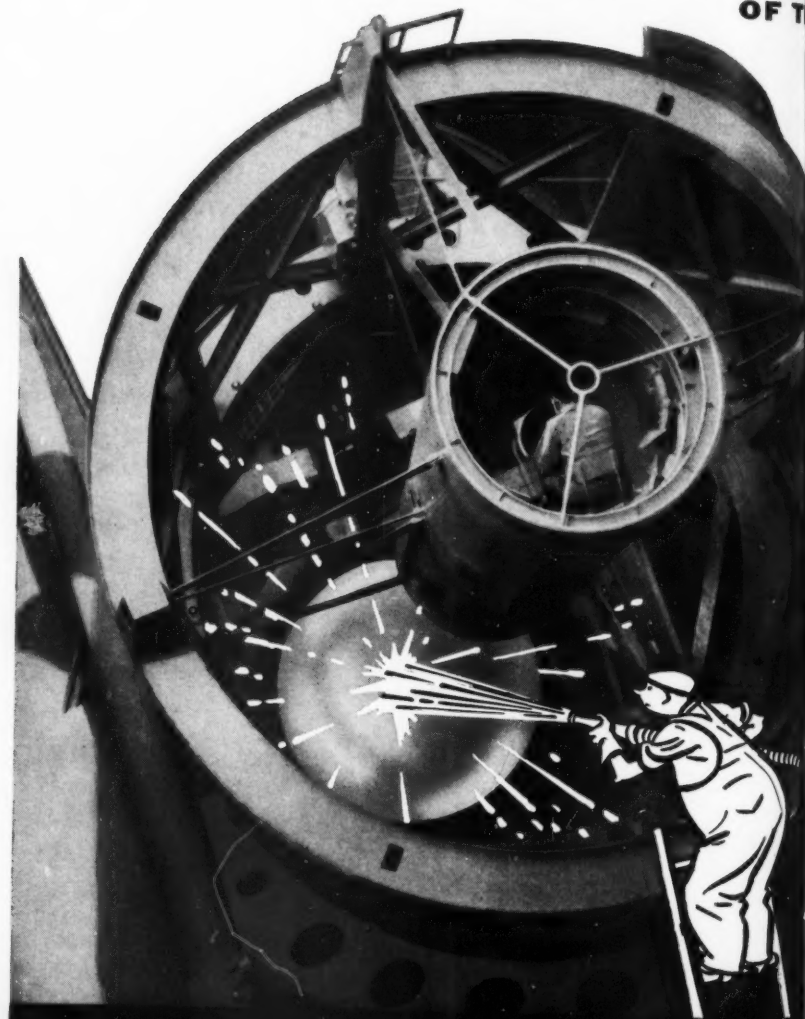
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May We Present—

YOUR NEW PRESIDENT, Magdalene Kulstad

Dear Friends:

Another convention has been recorded in our history, and each year we wonder how the next team of Officers and Committees can possibly keep increasing the size and quality of our sessions, and our organization. That, however, is exactly the way it has been since our beginning.

As we start a new year of ACTION toward continued progress, and look forward to a Texas Convention in keeping with our needs and the size of the host state, I am sure all of us face our separate and combined tasks with some concern. Certainly you will agree it will take ACTION.

To have the privilege of serving as President of this association is surely the hope and dream of many, but, unfortunately, few can be so honored. I accept this responsibility with a great sense of pride, but fully aware of the fact that it is due to the unselfish effort and support of many that I am privileged to serve in this capacity. I pledge my undivided attention toward the coordinating of joint ACTION to insure our association's growth and prosperity another year. I earnestly solicit your counsel and continued support.

Another Holiday Season is with us—a time for giving, receiving and sharing. Let us not overlook this opportunity to give thanks to God that we live in a land where such abundance of material things permits us to give, receive and share. And let us pray that more of the world may soon be equally fortunate.

My personal best wishes to the entire membership of the American Dental Assistants Association and their families and friends for a joyful and healthful Christmas and New Year.

Sincerely,

MAGDALENE KULSTAD.

RETIRING PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS

UP! UP! ON and ON

By MARY FRANCIS JOINER

A cartoon that made me laugh recently portrayed a Life Insurance Agent poking his head between the drawn curtains of a berth on a Pullman and to the man in bed he said, "Ah, I see you're awake, sir. I wonder if I might have a few minutes of your time?" This funny picture came to my mind during the time that we have been sitting here so quietly, listening to this fine program, all of which has been inspirational, informative, stimulating and entertaining! However, Dental Assistants are not accustomed to this much sitting so I am delighted to see that you are awake and I do want a few minutes of your time to extend to you my personal greetings.

I find myself today in a position that affords me a unique privilege, that of

greeting you, my fellow dental assistants, as your National President, as an honorary member of the Florida State Dental Assistants Association, and last, but by no means least, as a member of the 4th district—Georgia being my native state, in case you have not already guessed. We are so glad that you came for this particular convention and we hope that each contact that you make will tend to magnify your appreciation of this great whole of which you are a vital part.

I want a few minutes of your time, too, to settle your wondering minds (and perhaps your wandering minds) as to whether this message "Up! Up! On and On" in this our 33rd Annual Convention will be about elevated railroads, jet-propelled planes, a traffic jam in the sky or the bird that sings and wings its way up and up and on and on into the "wild, blue yonder." I'll let you be the judge.

This is ADAA's 33rd Annual Convention. What will be its significance to you, your life, your work and our organization, and will the results, good or bad, be because of you or because of the Convention?

Recently, I saw a recipe for a "successful convention." It was:

1. Socialization—a dash
2. Inspiration—a pinch
3. A lot of problem solving—2 jiggers

Already we have had a dash of "Socialization" (but you realize that there will be more dashes if our genial hostesses have their way). We have already had more than a pinch of "Inspiration" this morning, and from here on out there is going to be a lot of problem solving in the form of an educational forum, clinics, posters and open discussion (some planned and some, shall I say, unrehearsed?). So according to that recipe this Convention meets the requirements and then some. All to the end that some time in the not too distant future, you will have "Upped" yourself to a plateau where I hope that you will have confidence in your ability, skill and profession. For two more days and a part of the third you will be subjected to ideas, plans, projects and theories. Some of them new, yes, and some of them the same old thing but modernized to keep pace with the constantly changing times.

I hope you will be inoculated with a pride, an enthusiasm, and even a passion to put into practice many of the things that you will learn here. Up, Up in the plane you will go. On and On to your home town, to your office vibrating with the determination to dare and to do. May I remind you that your every effort will not be crowned with success. We can finish nothing in this life but we can make a beginning and bequeath a noble example. Is that not what our great founder, Juliette A. Southard, did? She set a noble example and I dare say that, at times, she felt that she had failed in her attempt. But a thing NOT accomplished is not necessarily a failure. Certainly we would say Juliette A. Southard was a success. Mrs. Southard did not attain the goal which she set for dental assistants who were to come after her, but she gave us the blue-print; the challenge to develop our minds and abilities in the same ratio certainly that the Registered Nurse has developed. The day must come when every dental assistant must be to the dentist what an RN is to the doctor or surgeon.

We have the medium, our ADAA, but as long as we are a Little Red Riding Hood, devoured by the wolf of inertia (that is a refined word for laziness) and procrastination (putting off until tomorrow, which never comes, that which should be done today), we cannot hope to be any more than a glorified office girl, and I use the word "glorified" with question marks all around.

The one contribution that I am hoping I will make toward the advancement of

our association upward and onward on the professional ladder is going before the ADA and pleading for their help, co-operation and support for the membership drive that is in the making, beginning a few days after the adjournment of this convention. If I have so well plead our cause that these next months will show a substantial advance in members, for with that advance many others will automatically ensue, then I will feel that I will have served you well in spite of many obstacles that have been in my way this year. But I can do just so much! The American Dental Association can do just so much! The success of this drive will depend on the efficiency and teamwork of every person who is a part of the Dental Health Team. Each one of you has certain potentialities, certain abilities, if given wholeheartedly for the next 12 months, will be of tremendous import for ADAA. Your expending them in this wise will depend on the vision that you receive here in Miami. Someone has said that the chief want in life is someone who will make us do our best. This entire program has been planned to make you want to do your best for the promotion of our organization and the objectives that are ours.

The doctors have set themselves a high standard of enlistment. They have reached it a hundred percent. How do we know? Because as soon as a man graduates in dentistry, he immediately makes application for membership in the ADA. They have made the new recruit know that their organization has something which he wants and NEEDS. Should not the inspiration of their climb challenge us to mount the rungs of the ladder, and the goal that they have reached inspire us to go and do likewise? In the individual dental assistant's mind and in different societies there will be such reaction to the challenge read here as—"I can't; I don't know; I wish we could; I think we might; I think we can; I know we can; We will." Resulting in "We Did!", and what a marvelous feeling of personal satisfaction and happiness will come to those who did.

We are launching a mighty program, we are literally reaching for the skies and we will at times find ourselves falling earthward. When this happens, it's up to us to "ride the raft of memory" to this week. The new ideas that you have conceived here; the new methods that have been presented here, these will have to be adapted, perhaps very gradually, but Up! Up! I would say with the new! If you do not meet with a whole-hearted enthusiasm by the others with whom you work, don't complain, grumble or groan, but Up! Up! On and On—Do you accept the challenge?

It is such a challenge that brings to mind the story about the shepherd who caught a glimpse through the clouds of a place on top of the mountains where the gods dwelt. The shepherd determined to leave his humble home and make his way over the rough road to the lofty peak. With great exertion and effort he accomplished this ambition. Finally, he stood on the heights and the gods congratulated him on the way he had overcome all the difficulties that they knew were on the long road over which he had come. The poor shepherd, exhausted, lay down to sleep. When he awoke, he was alone in the cold mist of the mountain top. He caught a glimpse of the gods, now on a distant and loftier peak. He cried out in his disappointment and a voice called to him saying, "Foolish mortal, does thou not know that he who would dwell in the heights with the gods must not sleep, but forever climb higher and higher?"

Then—UP! UP! ON and ON!

Editorial

AUTOMATION IN TODAY'S DENTAL OFFICE

By: IONE ROBERTS, Contributing Editor

Automation, a word of recent coinage, has many definitions. To some writers, whose interest is concentrated on the technical fabrication of goods, it means simply the use of automatic transfer machines for moving work pieces from one machine tool to the next.

At the opposite extreme, certain writers of a philosophical bent regard automation as a completely new approach, not only to industrial processes, but to problems of human organization in general. To the general public, it might be a phantom voice in a self-service elevator that says "You forgot to press the button," or "Step to the rear." Through automation, we are on the threshold of a wonderful new world.

When one of the early prehistoric cavemen constructed the first leather thonged harness so that his mate could carry her infant more conveniently he started off a sort of chain reaction. His ancestors devoted much of their creative activity to similar improvements that would lighten the task of homemaking. In due course, such jobs as churning butter or making clothes were taken almost entirely out of a woman's hands and left to industry. In the steady march of civilization from the stone age to the push button age, other functions, such as providing heat, light or water, for instance, reduced themselves to the mere flicking of a switch.

Many advances in this age of automation can certainly apply to the dental profession.

The chief deterrent to the adoption of antiseptic methods by the dental profession in the 1850's and 1860's was the desire to keep the patient in a pleasant frame of mind. The dental operating room was as ornate, cozy and receptive to dust as the patient's living room, with both the dental chair and the instrument table covered with plush. The dentist himself would hide his forceps in his pocket until the actual moment of operation. Modern methods were not completely accepted until the end of the century. Scrupulous sterilization is now practiced in most every dental office. Whereas old fashioned boiling, and certain other methods is now questionable. The auto-clave reaches spore killing temperatures in a matter of minutes. Compact, easily operated and inexpensive the auto-clave assures fast, automatic 100% sterility.

A common method of tooth extraction up until the 17th century required the patient to sit on the floor, his head between the knees of the operator, who inserted forceps and with repeated there and back movements finally rocked the tooth loose from its position. The methods of today seats the patient comfortably in an attractive dental chair adjustable to fit that particular patient. Automation is again brought into effect by the mere touch of the foot pedal for raising or lowering the chair, adding ease of operation to the doctor's work. Push button instrument panels are also being used on our present day units both for sterility and cutting down on our doctors' and assistants' fatigue.

You have mixed amalgam and had the thought run through your mind as to whether the mix would be of the right consistency. In the dental office of today, the automatic triturating of amalgam—needing to be as accurate as possible—has replaced the old method of mortar and pestle. It is revolutionizing amalgam work on a scientific basis and eliminates human error. Automatic amalgamation standardizes the mixture

for a more constant crushing strength. By this method one does not worry about an over or under expansion.

Until recently we couldn't say that our x-ray machines were progressing with automation, but that has been changed with the addition of automatic split second reset timers and push button kilovolts and milliamps.

The constant improvements that characterize instrumental equipment and techniques today are in marked contrast with the rigidly established procedures of ancient dentistry. Only a few items of automation in the profession are mentioned in this article but dentists and dental manufacturers are on a constant look for progress in the profession. New skills will emerge, and they in turn will require new training programs. Therefore, it is the duty of every assistant to keep in step with the AUTOMATION of the dental profession.

In the future there will be less emphasis on brawn—more of an emphasis on brains, and with the progress of automation, more leisure time for all.

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT *from the American Dental Assistants Certification Board—*

The two specified dates of the 1958 Certification Examinations are as follows: Saturday, May 3, 1958, and Wednesday, October 8, 1958. **NO MORE THAN TWO EXAMINATIONS ON EACH DATE MAY BE HELD IN ONE STATE.**

Since May 15, 1957 the following states held examinations for Certification: two in New York. Ohio, Indiana, Pennsylvania, West Virginia, Missouri, Washington, Indiana, Massachusetts, New Jersey, Connecticut, Nebraska, Tennessee and Illinois.

333 qualified dental assistants took the examinations; 271 passed the examinations and 62 failed.

5,089 assistants have been issued certificates.

The results of Tennessee are not included in these figures, but will be included in the next issue.

ANNETTE STOKER,
Executive Secretary.

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Workshop on the Education and Certification of Dental Assistants Held October 2-4, 1957

(The following is from a summary of the workshop released from the office of the Associate Secretary, Council on Dental Education, American Dental Association)

The workshop was sponsored by the Council on Dental Education of the American Dental Association, and held at the Central Office in Chicago. It was attended by more than 70 persons, including practicing dentists, dental assistants, dental and dental assisting educators and representatives of other agencies interested in the training of the dental assistant. In preparation for this workshop the council conducted a survey of more than 400 dentists and dental assistants to obtain their opinions on the relative importance of more than 275 statements of knowledge and skills that the dental assistant might be expected to have. The results of this survey were considered by the participants of the conference.

Through this condensed summary we hope to acquaint our members, who were not present, with the purpose, procedure, and the conclusions that were reached at this three day conference.

PURPOSE OF THE WORKSHOP

The function of this workshop, like all workshops sponsored by the Council on Dental Education, was to collect advice, information and opinions. There were actually two types of results which the council hoped would come out of this workshop; first, a broad, general agreement on the nature or function of the dental assistant, and second, a specific detailing of the content that should be included in a curriculum developed for the training of dental assistants.

PROCEDURE FOR THE WORKSHOP

The participants were divided into three "working" groups; each group was

asked to review the material compiled for the workshop and present a report of their general and specific recommendations.

The first day of the workshop was devoted to the presentation of resource or background papers, the second day to discussions by the three "working" groups, and the third day to consideration of the reports of the "working" groups.

GENERAL CONCLUSIONS OF THE WORKSHOP (condensed)

It was obvious from a review of the three workshop group reports that there was a consensus on several major policy recommendations related to the development of educational and certification programs for dental assistants.

1. The group was unanimous in its feeling that the efforts and achievements of the American Dental Assistants Association and the American Dental Assistants' Certification Board should be commended. It was agreed that the accomplishments of that Association and its Certification Board in the development of educational standards and the administration of a certification program for dental assistants have contributed a great deal to the progress already made.
2. It was agreed that certification of dental assistants is desirable and that a certification program properly related to acceptable educational standards will help elevate the standards and services of the dental assistant. It was further agreed that certification of the dental assistant should be based upon achievement of certain specific competencies, as would be demonstrated through examination for certification under rules developed and established by the Council

on Dental Education in cooperation with the American Dental Assistants Association, and approved by the House of Delegates of the American Dental Association.

3. It was recommended by all the workshop groups and approved by the entire conference that primary consideration should be given to the establishment of educational standards for a general or basic training program for dental assistants without reference to any possible areas of specialization. It was further agreed that the dental profession, through the Council on Dental Education and in cooperation with the American Dental Assistants Association, should work toward the establishment of mutually acceptable educational standards with the ultimate objective of formulating an accreditation program for dental assisting education under the jurisdiction of the dental profession.
4. Although the group did recognize that first consideration should be given to establishing standards for a general or basic training program for dental assistants, it was noted that there is an additional need for specialized programs, both for the general dental assistant who wishes to prepare for service in a specialty practice and for those who have been in the field for many years who wish to "brush up" on new techniques and on the use of new equipment.
5. No detailed recommendations were made on the specific ways in which the training of dental assistants might best be offered, but it was generally agreed that there would be a need for some instruction in an academic institution and that the practical and clinical phases of the training might well be obtained, at least in part, on an apprenticeship basis in a dental office. In this regard, although not a specific part of any group report, it was obvious from many of the dis-

cussions that there would be need for experimentation and study to determine the most efficient and effective method for providing the instruction and experience needed in a basic training program.

The workshop suggestions will be reviewed and considered carefully by the Council on Dental Education in its formulation of policies and programs for the education and certification of dental assistants. It should be clearly understood, however, that until the material contained in the summary and reports of this workshop are reviewed and submitted by the council for formal consideration by the House of Delegates of the American Dental Association, these documents do not represent the policies or attitude of the Council on Dental Education or the American Dental Association.

Editor's note: In order to bring our readers more detailed information from the workshop, the 10 resource papers given there will be published within the next 2 issues of THE DENTAL ASSISTANT. News of further development of this program will be published as it is made available to us.





THE MIAMI BEACH STORY—1957 Edition

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"It could have been in County Down, or Old New York, or Gay Paree, or even London Town." —

Instead, it happened in a place often referred to as America's most fabulous playground, Miami Beach, Florida. Yes, it was here that 445 dental assistants from all over the U. S. A. and 3 from Canada, shared an exciting experience during the days of November 3-7 as they attended the 33rd annual session of the American Dental Assistants Association. This year's convention city was new to some of us, and good for all of us. We doubt seriously that any one was unimpressed by its double serving of glamour that seems positively ubiquitous.

MORE ABOUT CONVENTION CITY

Perhaps Miami Beach can not be described as one of nature's phenomena.

Nevertheless nature provided the foundation, and men have used their brains and brawn to add the finishing touches to create a place unlike any other found in America. Its history tells us that not too many years ago it was only miles of white sandy beaches dotted by palm trees. Many of these trees stand today, forming a unique picture with their trunks twisted into peculiar shapes from winds of hurricane force that have lashed in from the Atlantic ocean with angry fury again and again throughout the years. Then men with dreams and ideas, and the finances to back these, began moving into Miami. Soon the results of their plans and work, and investments, began to change the appearance of this strip of land — this island, which we are told has 30 miles of shore line. The growth has been contin-

Welcome to Florida—Bobby Oxar; Betty Macy, Olive Steinback. Welcome to the Ivanhoe—from Manager, John Willoughby to Honorary, Life Member, Helen Fitting. We are glad you came.

uous since those earlier days, and today's visitor is awed by the dazzling view of mile after of mile of modern, sparkling hotels. Many are surrounded by an array of color from the gardens planted with tropical trees and shrubbery. All are designed to provide the epitome in luxurious leisure for the many visitors who come annually to relax from the cares of business, to attend a convention, or for holidays filled with gaiety and superb entertainment. The Miami Beach of today is big, busy and apparently prosperous. Construction of more hotels in the more than \$15,000,000.00 class seems continuous. No doubt the picture today far exceeds the loftiest dreams of the men who began this building program years ago.

The climate is mild — the bright sunny days are conducive to relaxation, the nights, with balmy ocean breezes and bright moonlight, are conducive to a gay romantic mood. Beauty, color, atmosphere to satisfy a variety of appetites — what more could a "conventionite" ask of a convention city of any year?

THE HOSPITALITY SCENE

I would be amiss in writing this lead to the factual report we bring you on the following 25 pages of this issue if I failed to give due credit to the hostess society. The part played by the Florida members in this show was that of setting the stage in order for the actual performance. What bigger, more important role could any group have had? It was obvious that the setting-up arrangements for the business and social sessions had been astutely planned. Certainly this represented hours of planning and work on their part, and was to a great extent responsible for the success of the meeting.

Perhaps we should have expected to find the tops in "know-how" in the welcoming department from people and a city where entertaining visitors is the rule and not the exception. Yet, we were almost overcome by the unprecedented welcome we received from the Floridians



and the management of our headquarters hotel, The Ivanhoe, the minute we entered its doors. The gracious and charming Manager, Mr. John Willoughby, was on hand to extend a personal welcome to every officer and member who arrived early for the pre-convention business meetings. And these arrivals were at intervals throughout the first day and night. As the days went on he still found time to personally greet many of the members. In my opinion, no host or hostess could have been more sensitive to our needs, comfort and wishes than was the management of The Ivanhoe while we were their guests. The many thoughtful gestures and courtesies will long be remembered by all of us, and will surely be spoken of in local and state groups for days to come.

BUSINESS — FIRST ON THE AGENDA

Regardless of the glamorous atmosphere of convention city — regardless of the fact that Page One Headlines that week were a bit terrifying, the 448 dental assistants gathered in Miami Beach steadfastly refused to be distracted from their reasons for being there. With intense effort they went about the business of writing another page of ADAA history.

Your reporter's reason for being there was to cover all phases of the convention in order to bring to the entire membership of the ADAA a complete report on it through the pages of the association's journal, *THE DENTAL ASSISTANT*. The following is a brief summary of her observations from a business point of view, and her comments. It was plentifully evident to me during that week that the future of the ADAA is safe in the hands of its present leaders and supporters. After 33 years of service, some of them difficult, the association is an object of almost fiercely protective devotion on the part of the present members. They give unstintingly of their time to guiding the association activities through the year, and come to the annual sessions, not only to see the convention city and

each other, but to review the panorama of ADAA achievement. It is an association understood and cherished by its members. They, I think, would under no conditions relax their efforts to make sure it does not fall short of what they consider its proper character or the means to maintain its character. Each officer, trustee, delegate, clinician, committee chairman, member and employee seemed keenly aware of her duties, and was fully prepared to give her best performance in order to make this 1957 show another ADAA hit. And that it was!

AND FOR FUTURE THINKING —

"An ideal is not realized by eloquent statements of it. Without painstaking experiment and application to the hard facts of life, an ideal remains a dream." If one thing in particular seemed obvious it was that the years of trial and error, of small thinking and planning, of fear and over-cautiousness is ending, by dint of necessity. We have reached a point in the association's history when, if we are to continue to grow, we must prepare to meet the ever-increasing needs and demands of a large group, now recognized as an important part of the dental profession. To do so will demand from our leaders, and members as well, the fullest capacities of human intelligence, vision, imagination, intensity of effort and, above all, rational balance. In our world today there is no place for anything other than sound and provable values.

I believe that the leaders and members of the ADAA are fully capable of meeting these requirements, and was not too surprised at the demonstration of loyalty and devotion and intensity of effort during the 33rd annual session. I have observed members at work and at play at conventions for more than ten consecutive years, and can recall numerous incidents indicating complete dedication to the ADAA and its objectives — incidents of intense effort, against great odds, to preserve its welfare and promote its advancement. With such heritage could the

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WELCOME FROM THE MEMBERS AT THE REGISTRATION DESK.

INFORMATION—Please.

President Dutton and Past-President Peterson discuss plans for the week ahead.

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present and future members be endowed with less strength of character?

CONCLUSION

We hope that our coverage of this session, pictorially and through the written word, will bring to you who could not be with us a clear picture of the business and social sessions, and give you a glimpse, as well, of the members' activities during moments free for relaxation. We hope to inspire you, to create among

you enthusiasm, not only for the annual sessions, but in the year-around program of the American Dental Assistants Association.

It is my opinion that sessions such as this one can not help but result in a closer-knit national organization, and will aid in the advancement of its objectives, which, in turn, will result in benefits to the individual member.

THE EDITOR

THE GENERAL MEETING

Judging from the jam-packed Empire Room of the Ivanhoe on Monday morning, attendance for the general meeting (the first meeting of the session) must have been almost one hundred per-cent. The room overflowed with members and guests who were anxious to partake of the delicious morsels of learning the program indicated would be served that morning.

President Dutton called the meeting to order shortly after 9 A. M. The Invocation, given by The Reverend W. Maurice Fain of Miami Beach Baptist Church, was followed by the ADAA Official Flag Lady, Helen Fitting, leading us in the Pledge to the Flag and the assembly singing the National Anthem, led by Eddie Geyer with Grace Martin at the piano.

We were warmly welcomed to Miami Beach by Dr. Bryant S. Carroll, President of the Florida Dental Association, and Bobbie Oxar, President, Florida Dental Assistants Association. The ADAA 3rd Vice-President, Lois Kryger, was most gracious in her response to their cordial welcome to the 33rd annual session.

The speakers were eloquent, entertaining and interesting. Each offered many

tasty morsels of food for thought. The assembly listened attentively and the applause each speaker received told us that no one left without having partaken of ample food to appease her appetite for knowledge. Without the benefit of a tape recorder it is impossible to bring you the speeches in their entirety, as the two main speakers delivered their messages extemporaneously. We did manage, however, to get some excerpts from each message which we present to you on the following pages. The pictures of the speakers "at the podium" were supplied by the capable official photographer, Bill Hamilton.

TO THE LADIES OF THE A.D.A.A.

It was my pleasure to have been your photographer during your recent convention at the Hotel Ivanhoe, Miami Beach, Florida. May I say a personal thank-you to each of you; you are a credit to your profession.

Cordially,

BILL HAMILTON

P. O. Box 223

Miami Shores, Florida

The Delegates At Work

The House of Delegates at this session consisted of 178 members; 158 Delegates and 19 Officers. They were a very interested, alert and faithful group. Doing things in groups is deeply engrained in the American character, and it was obvious that the members of this House of Delegates came prepared to think, discuss, debate, compromise and act together.

The following is a recording of the action taken by the governing body, the House of Delegates at the 33rd annual session of the American Dental Assistants Association.

FIRST SESSION

Called to order Monday, November 4, 2 P. M.

The following announcement of appointments to Reference Committees was made —

RECOMMENDATIONS COMMITTEE

Grace Browning, Chairman

Beth Auger (Mass.)

Mildred Fredericks (Penna.)

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

Ruth Asp, Chairman

Janis Bishop (No. Calif.)

Bobbie Oxar (Florida)

AWARDS COMMITTEE

Doris Arisman, Chairman

Juanita Little (Illinois)

Lucy Campopiano (Rhode Island)

ELECTIONS COMMITTEE

Jinx Wood, Chairman

Frances Dickinson (Indiana)

Daisy Madrigal (Colorado)

ONE TELLER FROM EACH DISTRICT

1st District Marion Leonard (Conn.)

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"OFFICE ADMINISTRATION"

Mr. James Robinson, Executive Secretary, Southern California Dental Association, Los Angeles, California.

Mr. Robinson, the first speaker of the day, in his introductory remarks referred to himself as our first patient of the day. He was complimentary in his comment on the apparent growth of the ADAA since the last time he addressed this group at the 1941 meeting in Houston. The following are remarks we considered highlights, but which can in no way do justice to his address:

He said, "Dentistry is practiced in its most beautiful and efficient form in the United States. Its history, dating back 118 years, is romantic, interesting, inspiring and filled with achievement. It is the United States' foremost gift to mankind — it provides protection and extension of human life, not destruction."

He said, "The dental assistant of today plays a vital role in the practice of dentistry. It is your duty to become interested in dental affairs; to know something more than book-keeping, collection, chairside assisting, etc. Know and be conscious of your missions." He placed the blame for the universal complaint of dental assistants (too many extra hours) directly on our shoulders. He said, "You are at fault in expressing too much willingness for too long a time — that part of the honeymoon is over." He offered a suggestion to correct this condition; the adoption of the Junior Assistant Plan, which is the employment of high school girls to work in the office from 3 P. M. until 7. He spoke of the office team as — the Doctor, Hygienist, Assistant, Technician and Junior Assistant.

In conclusion: "Sift the thoughts I have given you in the palm of your hand as you would grains of sand, keep what is worth keeping, and with a breath of kindness gently blow the rest away."



"UP! UP! ON AND ON!"

Mary Francis Dutton, President, American Dental Assistants Association, Macon, Georgia.

No excerpts from the President's message are given here as it is published in its entirety in this issue.

We use this space for a thumbnail profile of "Lady Dutton" as we bid her "so-long" but not "good-bye." She now has taken her place among the ranks of the Past Presidents of the ADAA, but we look forward to seeing her many times at future meetings. If you read her inspiring message, perhaps you will understand why it is difficult to find words to express our feelings of what she has meant to those of us who have been privileged to work closely with her. Her courage, her complete devotion to loved ones and friends, her loyalty to the association she served so ably the past twelve months, has been an inspiration to us all.

As she spoke that morning, reviewing the association's accomplishments of the past year and giving due credit to her fellow workers, many thoughts passed through our minds. We thought of her theme, ADVANCE, and of the many hours she had given us during the year thinking, planning and working toward leading us UP! UP! ON and ON . . . toward her goal. And now she was speaking feelingly of the necessity of accomplishing more and more. We had a deeper appreciation of her efforts—and we thought; the fact that such people give so freely of their time and energy to the association assures us that it is worthy of the best that we have to offer. We hope we have given her something in return; above all, we hope that maybe just knowing she has many, many new friends in the ADAA will offer her the incomparable possibility of not feeling lonely any more.

Orchids to our retiring President, Mary Francis Dutton.

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"KEYS TO SUCCESS AND HAPPINESS"

Mr. Clarence Walker, Executive Staff Representative, The Coca-Cola Company, Atlanta, Georgia.

"Why are you here? With most of you there is no question about it — no divided opinion — you are interested in Improvement. Improvement of yourselves, your business or profession, your organization — all leading to your own success and happiness. This is a laudable ambition and an attainable one.

"Most people find success and happiness, a few do not. Some do not even find the road that leads to it, others find the road but travel in the wrong direction or if going the right direction on the right road, often stop before they reach the goal. Some go all the way to the end of the road, and after locating the chest that contains success and happiness discover they do not have the keys with which to open it. Here is a brief outline of some simple old-fashioned keys to success and happiness:

1. Improvement — of your personal qualifications through better manners and positive thinking; in your profession through better methods and techniques; positive learning; positive action.

"2. Religion—there is no more important key than this — believe and worship as you please, but make some choice. The potential power of religion is unrestricted.

"3. Friendship—An important key that you should not travel without. A meeting such as this is a mint for coining friends. If you do nothing more here than renew old friendships and make new ones it is worth your while to be here.

"4. Tolerance—of all, old and young, rich and poor. Be tolerant of faiths, races, classes, creeds and colors.

"5. Romance—and this can be found in your work. Love your work and find joy in it.



"CONVENTIONS . . . AT HOME AND ABROAD"

Irene Bruce, President, Ontario Dental Nurses and Assistants Association, Toronto, Ontario, Canada.

"For many years representatives of our Ontario Association have attended your National Meetings, to return with glowing reports of your activities and achievements. It has been our special pleasure to welcome your Official American Dental Assistants Association representatives to our Ontario meetings. These annual contacts have done much to create a friendship and maintain fellowship between our respective associations.

"Conventions have made a great contribution to the development and unity of our way of life. Their far reaching effect on the world has been expressed in many ways. Through conventions have come broad dissemination of specific knowledge, vastly improved professional practices, high standards of ethics, advancement of research, and a sincere realization of public responsibility.

"May the friendships so richly enjoyed by our respective countries always exist between our respective Associations to enable each one of us to experience the lasting pleasures of Conventions . . . At Home and Abroad."

"RECOGNITION OF LIFE MEMBERS"

Margaret Leedom, Life Member, Lincoln, Nebraska.

The ADAA now has forty-one names on its Life Membership roll. Life member, Margaret Leedom of Nebraska, recognized these members by reading the names of each one. The five present (other than Margaret) at this session were introduced. They were: Edna Allen, Pennsylvania; Helen Fitting, Pennsylvania; Violet Hanson, So. California; and Marie S. Shaw, Georgia.

They were warm — human — simple — deep — unforgettable.

2nd District	Shirley Maher (N. J.)
3rd District	Joyce Quimby (Maryland)
4th District	Laura Hodges (Miss.)
5th District	Bess Reed (No. Carolina)
6th District	Ruth Kamke (Wisconsin)
7th District	Dolores Close (Minn.)
8th District	Jean Haden (Ark.)
9th District	Margaret Nolan (Wash.)
10th District	Ruth Kelley (Texas)
11th District	Ruth Collins (So. Calif.)

The Officers and Committee Chairmen were introduced. Each was given an opportunity to add information she considered pertinent to the report she had written, and which was distributed earlier to the delegates. The Trustees and members of the Journal Staff and Certification Board were introduced. Lillian Hoffman, Chairman of the Budget & Finance Committee, read the proposed budget for 1958. It was as follows:

Based on 7800 members at \$6.00 per member		\$46,800.00
Allotted to Journal Fund.....	34 %	\$15,912.00
Allotted to Central Office.....	35 %	16,380.00
Convention Expense	3½%	1,638.00
Travel and Hotel	9 %	4,212.00
Committee Expense	2 %	936.00
Officer's Supplies	2 %	936.00
Publicity Pamphlets	1½%	702.00
Mimeographing (including Newsletter).....	1 %	468.00
President, President-elect & Trustees Allotment	6 %	2,808.00
Conferences and Workshop	5 %	2,340.00
Contingency	1 %	468.00
	100 %	\$46,800.00

General Secretary, Joy Phillips, presented the report of the two meetings of the Board of Trustees. It included the following announcement of the selection of the 1958 Nominating Committee.

Chairman: Ruth Asp, Minnesota—Seventh District Trustee

Mary Francis Dutton, Georgia — Immediate Past President

Margaret Leedom, Nebraska — Member, ADT Certification Board

Jean Snyder, Pennsylvania — Member-at-large

Ruth Collins, So. California — Member-at-large

Alicia King, Chairman of the 1957 Nominating Committee, introduced the candidates for office (to be elected at this meeting) and read their qualifications. Those candidates were those named in the report of the Nominating Committee which appeared in the September-October 1957 issue of the journal, with one exception. The name of Corrine Dubuc which appeared in nomination for

the office of General Secretary, had been withdrawn at the candidate's request.

This session recessed at 4:45 P. M. to reconvene at 2:00 P. M. on Tuesday.

SECOND SESSION

Called to order at 2:15 P. M. by First Vice-President Elma Troutman in the absence of President Mary Francis Dutton.

The report of the Credentials Committee was given; additional changes in delegates were made and accepted by the House; and approval to postpone the reading of the minutes until the fourth session was given.

General Secretary, Phillips, read the names of members elected to Standing Committees. (We withhold publishing of these names until all acceptances have been received; they will appear in an early issue of the journal.)

The Chairman of the Nominating Committee again read the slate of nominees for offices, and the Chair declared nominations from the floor in order. Only one name for the slate of officers was presented from the floor, that of Corine Dubuc. It was placed in nomination for the office of Third Vice-President. Nominations from the floor for members of the ADA Certification Board were as follows: Ellen Esti, Rhode Island; Alma McWilliams, Arkansas; Ann Wetzell, Ohio; Dorothy Perry, Florida; Marie Perhall, Calif.

The official audit of the finances of the ADAA, which had been presented at the previous session, was accepted as read.

The report of the Recommendations Committee was read by the Chairman, Grace Browning. The recommendations presented to this House of Delegates, and the action taken on each was as follows:

FROM THE ADAA PRESIDENT — MARY FRANCIS DUTTON

THAT we continue a strenuous Membership Campaign; That the Membership

contest close on July 15th, 1958, and the following prizes be awarded:

1. \$25.00 cash prize to the Association in Class I having the largest percentage of increase. (Class I — having less than 50 members at closing date of previous year.)
2. \$50.00 cash prize to the Association in Class II having the largest percentage of increase. (Class II — having 50 to 100 members at closing date of previous year.)
3. \$75.00 cash prize to the Association in Class III having the largest percentage of increase. (Class III — having 100 to 200 members at closing date of previous year.)
4. \$100.00 cash prize to the Association in Class IV having the largest percentage of increase. (Class IV — having over 200 members at closing date of previous year.)

Motion to accept — Carried

FROM SECOND VICE PRESIDENT— Virginia Hoffman, Chm. RELIEF FUND COMMITTEE

1. That since the J. A. S. Relief Fund has a \$1,000.00 bond maturing in November, 1957, the Committee recommends that the maturity value of this bond plus \$440.00 from the J. A. S. Relief Fund General Fund be invested in two new \$1,000.00 bonds.

Motion to accept — Carried

2. That \$250.00 be transferred from the J. A. S. Relief Fund General Fund to the J. A. S. Relief Revolving Fund to bring this fund up to \$1000.

Motion to accept — Carried

FROM THIRD VICE PRESIDENT — Lois Kryger — Chm. J. A. S. SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

That Rule one of the Rules for judging Scholarship Applications be amended to read: (Effective 1959) Two Awards of \$100.00 will be given each year to

the outstanding student members judged by the Scholarship Committee as being most deserving. No applicant is eligible for more than one award.

Motion to accept — Carried

Local Societies and State Associations having student members available should establish dues to comply with ADAA policy. Namely, that of the journal subscription.

Motion to accept — Carried

FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION —

Sadie Hadley

We recommend THAT the Course of Training for Dental Assistants in the Adult Education Division of the Centinela Valley Union High School District, Lennox, California, be approved. (This is an Evening Extension Study Course of 135 hours).

Motion to accept — Carried

We recommend THAT approval of the Course of Training for Dental Assistants in the J. Sterling Morton Junior College, 2423 South Austin Boulevard, Cicero, Illinois, be withheld for the present, and that we encourage the authorities at the College to make an effort to bring the Course of Training up to the standards of the ADAA.

Motion to accept — Carried

We recommend THAT the Course of Training for Dental Assistants in the Tacoma Vocational - Technical School, 1101 South Yakima Avenue, Tacoma 3, Washington, be approved. This is a two-year course — 1280 hours).

Motion to accept — Carried

We recommend THAT the Course of Training for Dental Assistants in the Edison Technical School, Seattle Public Schools, Broadway and East Pine Sts., Seattle 22, Washington, be approved. This is a one-year course — 1080 hours.)

Motion to accept — Carried

We recommend THAT the use of the Levy Text Book as the "Official" Text

Book of the American Dental Assistants Association be discontinued.

Motion to accept — Carried

We recommend THAT the Brauer Text Book be used in conjunction with the Extension Study Course of Training for Dental Assistants.

Motion to accept — Carried

FROM THE LOUISIANA DENTAL ASSISTANTS ASSOCIATION

THAT the American Dental Assistants Association discontinue that part of its program which pertains to encouraging the display of posters prepared by members at National Meetings.

Motion to accept — Carried

FROM THE ADAA BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

THAT the Association's percentage of registration receipt from this Annual Meeting be placed in the Education Fund.

Motion to accept — Carried

THAT the recaptured funds from the 1957 Budget be transferred to the Contingency item of the 1958 Budget.

Motion to accept — Carried

FROM THE ADAA BOARD OF TRUSTEES

THAT the ADAA adopt Dr. Bunting's plan for the Dental Assistant in Civil Defense.

The motion to accept carried after the adoption of the following amendment to the recommendation: to strike out the word "Dr. Bunting's" and replace by the words "the National Civil Defense." The recommendation as amended was accepted.

The proposed amendments to the ADAA By-Laws were presented. The proposed amendments and action taken on each follows:

ARTICLE II. OBJECT. Amend to read.

The object of this Association shall be to aid in the advancement and elevation of the dental profession by en-

couraging persons in the dental assistant vocation, according to membership classes as stated in the By Laws, to form societies whereby they may secure the educational advantages of lectures, clinical demonstrations, discussions, and instruction in the details of their duties; to bring to its members a realization of the responsibilities that accrue to them in their relation to the public, to inspire its members with a desire to render more efficient service and to be truthful, honest, and loyal to the profession they serve; to create a feeling of fellowship and cooperation among its members and promote among them a desire for mutual improvement.

Adopted

ARTICLE IV. Section 2. Repeal Section 2 and substitute the following in lieu thereof:

Section 2. Active Members. The minimum requirements for active membership shall be graduation from high school or its equivalent; and being employed as dental assistants in ethical dental offices, clinics, hospitals or institutions, or teachers of dental assisting. By the equivalent of a high school education, it is intended that practical experience of one or more years in professional and business training in an ethical dental office, intelligence, personal aptitude and personality, be used as the basis for determining an applicant's eligibility.

Adopted after approval of amendment to change the word "teachers" to "instructors" was approved

The right of accepting or rejecting applications for membership shall be reserved to the state associations or to the local societies in states where there is no state association.

Adopted

The next 11 proposed amendments were read and voted upon as a unit upon the advice of the parliamentarian.

ARTICLE V. Section 1. Dues. Repeal

Section 1 and substitute the following in lieu thereof:

Section 1. Dues. The annual dues of the Association, except Student Members, shall be Six Dollars (\$6.00) payable January 1, for the ensuing year. All dues received by the Executive Secretary after November 1, shall be credited for membership for the following fiscal year.

ARTICLE VII. Section 3. Composition. *Fourth District*. Repeal Section 3, Fourth District, and substitute the following in lieu thereof:

Section 3. Composition. *Fourth District*: Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, Georgia, Florida, Puerto Rico, Virgin Islands.

ARTICLE VIII. Section 8. Duties. A. President. Add sub section (m):

Section 8. Duties. A. President. (Add (sub section m)

m. To send official greetings to State Association meetings which she cannot attend.

ARTICLE VIII. Section 8 C. First Vice President. Strike out sub-section (e).

ARTICLE IX. Section 2 g. Repeal Section 2 g and substitute the following in lieu thereof:

Section 2. Powers. g. It shall have the power to elect associates and honorary members of the Association.

ARTICLE X. Section 3. Repeal Section 3, and substitute the following in lieu thereof:

Section 3. Term of Office. District Trustees shall be elected for a term of three years. No Trustee shall serve more than one term of three years in succession. Serving more than eighteen months of a term shall be considered as one term.

ARTICLE X. Section 6. Repeal Section 6 and substitute the following in lieu thereof:

Section 6. Vacancies. In the event of a vacancy in the office of a District

Trustee, the President shall appoint a qualified member within the District in which the vacancy occurs to serve until the next annual session. At the next annual session, the delegates from this District shall hold a caucus to nominate a candidate for the office of Trustee who shall serve the unexpired term.

ARTICLE XI. Section 5. Reports. Repeal Section 5 and substitute the following in lieu thereof:

Section 5. Reports. Reports of Standing Committees shall be sent to the General Secretary, prior to the annual session at the time she so designates, and she shall have copies made for distribution to the members of the House of Delegates at the first meeting of the annual session, if the Board of Trustees so orders.

ARTICLE XI. Committees. Section 6. Amend Section 6 to read:

Section 6. Name and Number of Standing Committees. There shall be twelve Standing Committees.

Add (1) Program Coordinating Committee.

ARTICLE XI. Section 8. (a) Repeal Section 8 a and substitute the following in lieu thereof:

Section 8. Committee on Education. (a). Composition and tenure of office. This committee shall consist of six members who shall serve for a term of two years, three to be elected each year. The chairman shall be a Certified member. The Chairman of the A.D.A. Certification Board shall serve as ex-officio member without the power of vote

ARTICLE XI. Section 9 a. Repeal Section 9 a and substitute the following in lieu thereof:

Section 9. Clinics & Exhibits Committee. a. Composition and tenure of office. This Committee shall be composed of five members who shall serve for a term of two years; three to be

elected one year and two the next year, alternating each year. An Auxiliary Committee consisting of one member from each District "shall" be appointed by the Board of Trustees, at the pre-convention meeting of the Board, to work with this committee to stimulate interest in Clinics, each in her own District, for State and ADAA meetings.

Adopted

ARTICLE XI. Section 11. Repeal Section 11 a and substitute the following in lieu thereof:

Section 11. Juliette A. Southard Scholarship Fund Committee. a. Composition and Tenure of Office This Committee shall be composed of three members who shall serve for a term of one year; one member to be the Treasurer, and one a member of the Past Presidents' Council, and one a Vice President.

Rejected

ARTICLE XI. Section 13. Committees.

Amend sub-section (a) to read:

Section 13. Pin Committee. (a) Composition and tenure of office. This committee shall be composed of 3 members who shall serve for a term of one year.

Adopted

ARTICLE XI. Section 17. Amend sub-section (b) Duties to read:

Section 17. Committee on Public Relations. (b) Duties. It shall be the duty of this Committee:

To develop and maintain a public relations program for the Association. To perform other duties assigned by the Board of Trustees.

Adopted

ARTICLE XI. Change Section 18, Special Committees, to Section 19. Change Section 19, Convention Committees, to Section 20.

ARTICLE XI. Section 18. Add new Section 18 to read:

Section 18. Program Coordination Committee.

(a) Personnel. This committee shall be composed of four members who shall serve for a period of one year; these members to be three trustees and a vice-president who shall serve as chairman.

(b) Duties. To stimulate interest in programs and meetings of local societies and state associations and offer suggestions for carrying out organization activities.

To perform other duties assigned by the Board of Trustees.

Adopted

STANDING RULES. #8. Repeal Rule 8 and substitute the following in lieu thereof:

Rule 8. A member competing for the Loyalty Trophy awarded for continuous service with one employer, must have been a member of the Association for two years to be eligible. She must present a certificate of employment by the dentist by whom employed, giving date of original employment and other confirming data, duly countersigned by a Notary Public, and by the President of the local society in which she is a member. A member who has received the Loyalty Trophy shall not compete the second time for the award. The member competing for the Loyalty Trophy must be in attendance at the Annual Meeting.

Adopted

Addition to the Standing Rules:

#9. The use of the ADAA emblem by the component associations shall be limited to state meeting programs subject to authorization by the Executive Secretary.

Adopted

The General Secretary announced the following names had been placed in nomination for District Trustees and the qualifications of each was read. (These selections are made by each district in

a caucus of the district members the previous day.)

Second District: Alice Eder, New Jersey; Fifth District: Moselle Comer, Virginia; Eighth District: Janice Jacobson, Oklahoma.

This session recessed at 5 P. M. to reconvene at 11:30 Wednesday morning for the official roll call.

The official roll was called at 11:30 A. M. Instructions of when and where to vote were given to the delegates. This arrangement of a definite time to vote, by states (alphabetically), serves as a means of expediting this important part of the business at the sessions.

Recessed to reconvene at 3 P. M.

THIRD SESSION

Called to order at 3:15 P. M.

The Credentials Committee reported a total registration to this time of 454. This proved to be the total registration of the meeting; it was as follows:

Officers 9; Trustees 11; Delegates 159; Alternates 38; Members 204; Dentists (guests) 6; Canadian guests 3; Non-member guests 24—Total 454.

Eugenia Uttech of Wisconsin read an account of her trip to the 12th Annual International Dental Congress in Rome.

Chairman of the ADA Certification Board, Rose Donohue, read the report of this board's actions and decisions during the session. Please read important announcement from the Certification Board elsewhere in this issue, and watch for the Information Bulletin and other announcements in future issues.

The proposed budget for 1958 was read, and adopted by the House of Delegates at this session.

The name of Irene Kumagai of Canada was proposed for associate membership in the ADAA. The General Secretary indicated that the board of trustees favored accepting this proposed associate member. It was approved by this House of Delegates.

Marion Edwards, Honorary member from Canada, gave a report of her visit to the British Dental Nurses Meeting last spring.

The report of the Elections Committee was read by the Chairman, Jinx Wood. It was as follows: There were 175 members entitled to vote. Number of votes cast: 175.

Results of the election:

President-Elect: Elma Troutman, No. California; 1st Vice-President: Virginia Hoffman, Pennsylvania; 2nd Vice-President: Lois Kryger, Washington; 3rd Vice-President: Corinne Dubuc, Rhode Island; General Secretary: Joy Phillips, Arizona; Treasurer: Harriett Darling, So. Dakota; Second District Trustee: Alice Eder, New Jersey; Fifth District Trustee: Mozelle Comer, Virginia; Eighth District Trustee: Janice Jacobson, Oklahoma. Five members elected to the ADA Certification Board (2 years): Margaret Leedom, Nebraska; Virginia Carpenter, Tennessee; Marie Perhall; Madge Tingley, Oregon; Dorothy Perry, Florida.

President Dutton declared these Officers, Trustees, and Certification Board members duly elected. Recessed at 5:25 P. M.

FOURTH SESSION

We call this last session of the House of Delegates—"The finals". The final reading of the Credentials; reading of the resume of the minutes (and their adoption); the final report of the Board of Trustees; the finishing of old and new business, and the report of the Convention Arrangements Committee.

Nell Prothero's complete, and very fine, report brought a round of applause from the assembly that morning. Surely every member who came wished they could find a better way to express appreciation for the enjoyable meeting Nell and all the Florida members had worked so hard to make possible. Surely their efforts were largely responsible for the success of the 1957 edition of The Miami Beach Story. The voting issues of this 33rd

session were closed. The session was not adjourned, however, as it includes the presentation of awards and Installation of the New Officers. To tell you about these your reporter sheds her reportorial cloak and simply talks to you.

PRESENTING THE AWARDS

It is always the same—we almost can't stand it—some of us. Every year the convention builds up to a climax which comes during the last minutes of the fourth session of the House of Delegates on Thursday morning. And it was no different this year in Miami Beach.

Anyway, we have written so many words about this year's convention we have exhausted our meager supply. But what could we say that you can't read in the faces in the pictures of the recipients of the various coveted awards. We wouldn't attempt to compete—

The following is a listing of the awards and this year's winners:

Presented by Helen Fitting: The Dr. C. G. Ducore Loyal Assistant Trophy Award to Jewel P. Mallard for longest service of an assistant with one dentist; 35 years, 8 months and 3 days, with Dr. Scott P. Bower, Tulsa, Oklahoma.

1957 Awards:

First Award Membership Increase, Oral Hygiene Trophy Cup, Idaho; Second Award Membership Increase, Homer B. Robinson Trophy, Utah; Third Award Membership Increase, Nye Goodman Gavel Trophy, New Mexico; Fourth

PICTURES →

across page—I. to r. 1. President Dutton presents a trophy to its winner.

2. Clinic Trophy of the National Association of Medical & Dental Bureaus—President Dutton; Miss Pyle, representing the Bureau; Mae Collins accepting for the 8th district.

3-4-5. Congratulations from the president to winners.

6. Gen. Sec'y., Joy Phillips, announces the awards and names of winners.

7. Three Clinicians take a look at their certificates. 8-9-10. Journal Awards—Outside Subscriptions, Florida; Best Essay Award Winner, Mira Lindeman (1); Outside Subscriptions, 1st place winner, Ohio.

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Helen Fitting presents the Dr. Clifton G. Ducote Loyal Assistant Trophy to Jewel Mallard of Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Award Membership Increase, A. D. Mizzy Trophy, Maryland; Fifth Award Membership Increase, Blue Ribbon, North Carolina.

SPECIAL MEMBERSHIP PRIZES

Closing Date July 15, 1957

\$25.00 cash to the Association in Class I having the largest percentage of increase. (Class I Associations having less than 50 members at closing date of previous year.)—Idaho.

\$50.00 cash to the Association in Class II having the largest percentage of increase. (Class II Associations having 50 to 100 members at closing date of previous year.)—Maryland.

\$75.00 cash to the Association in Class III having the largest percentage of increase. (Class III Associations having 100 to 200 members at closing date of previous year.)—North Carolina.

\$100.00 cash to the Association in Class IV having the largest percentage of increase. (Class IV Associations having more than 200 members at closing date of previous year.)—New York.

ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Honoring Aloise B. Clement

Elma Troutman, San Francisco, California—ADAA 1st Vice-President.

COOPERATION

First Award, Oren Oliver Trophy: Southern California; Second Award, Blue Ribbon: Ohio; Third Award, Red Ribbon: Missouri.

OUTSIDE SUBSCRIPTION TO "THE DENTAL ASSISTANT"

First Award, Trophy Cup: Ohio; Second Award, \$10.00 check from the Journal Fund: Florida.

POSTER AWARDS

First Award, Henry Fowler D.D.A. Trophy: Tennessee Dental Assistants Association, Titled "You've Got the Points of Good Dental Health"; Second Award, Dee Gold Plaque: Florida Dental Assistants Association, Titled "Look, a Dental Assistant Is—"; Third Award, Blue Ribbon: Missouri Dental Assistants Association, Titled "Don't Stretch Your Luck"; Fourth Award, Red Ribbon: Oklahoma Dental Assistants Association, Titled "The Three R's of Dentistry".

TROPHY TO DISTRICT PRESENTING MOST CLINICS

Medical Dental Trophy: Eighth District of the A.D.A.A.

PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE AWARDS FOR BEST PROGRAMS

Best Educational Program for State Associations, \$15.00 check: Kansas Dental Assistants Association; Educational Program for State Association, First Honorable Mention, Blue Ribbon: Florida Dental Assistants Association; Educational Program for State Association, Second Honorable Mention, Red Ribbon: Alabama Dental Assistants Association; Best Educational Program for Local Society (not less than six meetings), \$10.00 check: First District, New York; Educational Program for Local Society, First Honorable Mention, Blue Ribbon: New Orleans, La.; Educational Program for Local Society, Second Honorable Mention, Red Ribbon: Seattle, Washington.



1st Vice-President, Elma Troutman, receives the most coveted trophy of all — The Aloise B. Clement Achievement Trophy.

SPECIAL PRIZE FROM JOURNAL

\$25.00 check to the member who writes the best article of Educational value to the assistant and/or for the general welfare of the vocation: Mira Lindeman, Spring Lake, Michigan; "It Can Be Done", September-October, 1956 issue.

CONVENTION ATTENDANCE TROPHY

Northern California Dental Assistants Association.

Miles traveled, 69,960; number of members registered, 12.

PAST PRESIDENT'S COUNCIL TROPHY

Mary Francis Dutton.

AWARDING OF PAST PRESIDENT'S PIN AND CERTIFICATE

By Mary Haney to Mary Francis Dutton.

PIN COMMITTEE AWARD

District in which the largest percentage of pins sold (donated by Kleins): Fourth District, Lee Maddox, Florida.

PRESIDENT'S AWARD

To Trustee in whose District the largest number of new Societies have been organized: 9th District Trustee, Doris Arisman.

PRESIDENT'S AWARDS

*Presentation of Tokens to Trustees
Who Have Served One Year*

Fourth District, Grace Browning; Seventh District, Ruth Asp; Ninth District, Doris Arisman; Tenth District, Elta Mae Seizer; Eleventh District, Jinx Wood; Award to Trustee in whose district the most new societies were organized: to Doris Arisman, 9th District.

KINESCOPE FILM OF "MEDICAL HORIZONS" AVAILABLE

Medical Horizons—Kinescope. 16 mm., black and white, sound, 26 minutes. Presented March 3, 1957, on the ABC television network as a public service by Ciba Pharmaceutical Co., in cooperation with the American Dental Association and the American Medical Association and originating from the School of Dentistry, University of Texas, Houston.

It is suggested this kinescope be used for programs of both Local and State Associations as a review for the dental assistant in discussing dental needs with patients.

If used for community or civic groups, it is suggested that a dentist be present to make prefatory remarks or other causative factors of periodontal disease.

To secure loan privileges of this film write to: Film Library, American Dental Association, 222 E. Superior St., Chicago 11, Illinois.

For a complete film review, refer to: The Journal of the American Dental Association. Volume 54, June 1957, pages 851-852.



Moments to Remember

Hours
visiting



Hours free for relaxation were spent lounging in Florida's sunshine; dining at famous restaurants; visiting with friends—old and new—and gathering in rooms and corridors for "gab-fests."



CLINICS

The speakers of the general meeting offered instruction and suggestion for increased efficiency in dental assisting. The presentations at the Educational Forum were informative and educational. Yet, many assistants felt that the "real stuff" was given by the Clinicians, who by word and by example offered new ideas and techniques; short cuts and helpful hints. The opportunity to hear and view other assistants telling and showing "the way we do this in our office—this saves time—this reduces the margin of error, produces desired results for us" no doubt answered the questions and solved perplexing problems for many who heard and viewed the Clinics. There were 48 Clinics, all outstanding, presented at the headquarters hotel on Monday afternoon. On Wednesday 18 Clinicians, attired in crisp white uniforms, boarded a bus at 6:30 A. M. for Dinner Key Auditorium where they presented their clinics in conjunction with those of the ADA.

The Clinics were non-competitive. Each Clinician was awarded a certificate for her fine contribution to the educational part of the program at the annual session.

POSTERS

There were 28 Posters on exhibit throughout the meeting. Posters which

indicate talent and imagination in our ranks. The Posters are competitive and the titles of the winning ones and the name of the state by which they were submitted appears in the report of the Awards.

EXHIBITS

The main exhibit of the ADAA, which was on display in the Scientific Section of the A. D. A. at the Dinner Key Auditorium, Monday through Thursday, again attracted the attention of many of our Doctors. The members of the Clinics & Exhibits Committee, and other members who assisted them, performed a tremendous public relations service throughout the meeting.



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Educational Forum

The entire morning on Tuesday was devoted to education. At this forum three thirty-minute presentations were given by Doctors, all of whom are recognized as outstanding in their respective fields.

1. "Increased Efficiency Through Chair Side Assisting in Washed Field Procedures." by Dr. E. O. Thompson, Salt Lake City, Utah.

Dr. Thompson, an excellent speaker, no doubt put his audience of that morning in a receptive mood by saying, "The dental assistant of today is not appreciated as much as she should be—you are an important part of the dentist's operative efficiency. The Doctors you work for in the new world will likely spend their time making crowns for you; and I do not mean dental crowns."

He stressed "accelerated efficiency" in the dental office, and said: "The term 'high speed' is a frightening term—'accelerated efficiency' is a much better reference to modern dental advances."

He said, in effect, "The turbine hand-piece; use of warm water to cool the tooth; use of negative air stream to remove liquids and solids from the mouth; the operating cabinet close behind the chair; the assistant and dentist both seated; the arrangement of units according to operations all result in 'accelerated efficiency' and lend themselves to the 'therapeutic climate' in the dental office." Slides, on the use of the negative air stream in Oral Surgery, were shown.

We regret that we were unable to bring you more of the high points of this presentation—it was most informative and interesting and very well presented.

2. "Pulp Conservation" by Dr. Hugo M. Kulstad, Bakersfield, California.

Dr. Kulstad, in following up Dr. Thompson's remarks said, "I would like for dentists to make a few halos for dental assistants while they are here on earth, instead of waiting until they get

to Heaven." His presentation was a most interesting one—slides were shown as he explained procedures and made comments offering explanation of "why and how" in this important treatment of teeth.

3. "Dental Assisting as a Public Health Function." by Dr. Polly Ayers, Director, Bureau of Dental Health, Birmingham, Alabama.

Dr. Ayers explained the function of the Dental Health program in America today. She pointed out to us the difference in the dental assistant's role in Public Health Service as compared to that in private practices. She offered many suggestions on how the assistant can participate in dental health programs throughout the United States. This seemed a timely subject, as many assistants from every state are becoming more and more interested in this field. Many have participated, through contributions of their time and service, in programs sponsored by civic groups in various cities. She was an excellent and authoritative speaker on a timely and interesting subject. We regret that we are unable to bring you more of the "real meat" of this forum. Again, without the use of a tape recorder, we could not record more for publishing in this report.

EARLY CHRISTMAS NOTE

Those gay, traditional Christmas Seals are here to proclaim early that Christmas is coming. Like holly and mistletoe, they bring heart-warming memories of past Christmases. They remind us to show our friends we wish them well. They may make you think about what toys to give your child for Christmas.

Christmas Seals will help you give him one fine gift—year-round health and a chance to face his tomorrows free from tragic TB. Buy Christmas Seals now to make all homes safer and to protect our supreme investment—our children.



l. to r. Past Presidents, Lillian Hoffman; Ruth Doring; Evelyn Brett; Mildred Rinn; Sadie Hadley; Bessie Peterson; Mary Francis Dutton; Mary Haney; Helen Fitting.

ADVISORY COUNCIL

"Tradition is not a fetish to be prayed to—but a useful record of experiences. Time should bring improvements—but not all old things are worthless. We are served by both the modern and the ancients. The balanced man is he who clings to the best in the old—and appropriates the desirable in the new"—Richard Steele.

In using this quotation to preface our remarks about the Advisory Council, which now consists of 22 ADAA Past Presidents, we are thinking in terms of our inheritance of their combined years of service to the association. Tradition—"something handed down from the past; transmission of information, beliefs and customs, from ancestors to posterity without written memorials; inherited culture and attitudes." Surely the contribution of each Past President has given us something of value. Surely the attitude, the transmission of information and ideas of each has served to give strength to the foundation, and stimulus to the growth, of the ADAA. And surely our leaders of today realize the importance of clinging to the best of the old methods, and to the appropriation of the desirable of the new. We proudly present the members of this council who were present at the 1957 session.

CERTIFICATION BOARD

The hours spent in meetings—in serious cerebation, by the members of this board during the annual sessions are many. The Chairman's report to the ADAA House of Delegates revealed the many important issues that required their attention and decision at this meeting. These members perform an important service in the program of education and certification of dental assistants. They are all active ADAA members (dental assistants) who are elected to this board by the ADAA House of Delegates. Their work is to supervise all business pertaining to the certification examinations given to assistants who have successfully completed the ADAA Extension Study Course, as outlined by our ADAA Committee on Education. Their contribution is a part of our combined efforts in elevating the standards of dental assisting.

MEMBERS OF THE 1958 ADA CERTIFICATION BOARD

l. to r. Helen Searles; Margaret Leedom; Evelyn Brett; Florence Smith; Virginia Carpenter; Edna Zedaker; Oriett Clark.



The Social Scene

The beautiful Hotel Ivanhoe and its guests were all dressed up in their brightest glitter for the social events of the convention. Add to this the nip in the air from the ocean breezes; the background of music produced by the sounds of the roar of the ocean — like a beautiful symphony — running the gamut from stormy to soft soothing tones — and you have a setting and atmosphere difficult to surpass. The Florida members were not content, however, to let the beauty of the setting be the only entertainment attraction. They went all out to give us more and more to enjoy — and that we did.

THE TEA

Our first exposure to Florida's true southern hospitality was the beautiful "Hands Across the Nation Tea" on Sunday, 4-6 P. M. More than 400 assistants and their guests were welcomed by the long receiving line of Florida members and ADAA Officers and Trustees. For two hours the Empire Room overflowed with guests, and there was a continual buzzing of the sound of voices greeting old and new friends.

We were entertained with a beautiful fashion show featuring lavish beach wear and other fashionable and fabulous clothes — made in Florida and worn by natives and visitors alike.

The highlight in entertainment for this occasion came when our President was crowned "Lady Dutton," and initiated into the ranks of "The Florida Rebels". Betty Macy, doing the emcee honors, was assisted by the Royal Corps of the distinguished army of Florida Rebels in the Coronation Ceremony. She gave us just reason for this member having been selected to membership in this very small and select group and then read us the laws by which each member must live to retain membership in good standing.

NOVEMBER • DECEMBER





The "Gone With The Wind" Banquet

On Tuesday evening amid a bevy of beautiful southern belles (many attired in original dresses of the gone with the wind era) and some true southern gentlemen, too, we cast our thoughts of business to the four winds and enjoyed a gala evening. 450 ADAA'ers and their guests gathered to honor our President, Mary Francis Dutton, at the annual banquet.

The elevated Officers' Table, beautifully decorated for this traditional event with orchids, roses and other floral arrangements, was the focal point of the decorating theme.

Seated at the tables placed all over the patio and around the swimming pool were the members and guests who had come to see and be seen! And we didn't see any that weren't worth seeing, either! Overhead in a starlit sky a big yellow moon shone brightly, seemingly competing for attention in all the glitter and

Top of page—A View of the Officers' Table. Reading downward—Presenting leis of Orchids from Hawaii.

Ruth Brush at the microphone introduces the honored guests as Florida's Southern Belles and others who came to the banquet, watch and listen.

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sparkle that seemed everywhere in and around the Ivanhoe that evening.

Entertainment? There was so much and it was so good. During the arrival of the guests there was a superb water show going on — throughout the evening there was soft music in the background. There was a special thrill in store for those who were to receive one of the lovely orchid leis sent to us again from the islands by our Hawaiian member, Annie Kerr. In Annie's absence, Dr. Hugo Kulstad had the pleasure of presenting these in true Hawaiian custom.

Yes, the Florida Rebels went all out to make this an evening to remember. Ruth Brush was smooth as silk in her introduction of the Officers and honored guests, and a most capable emcee for the "Host and Ham Frolics" presented during the evening. All the actresses in the show were Florida members. Yep! there is talent in "them tar ranks". Some of the "gosh-awful" costumes they wore — we couldn't recognize anyone! They provided laughs galore as they presented: Mock

Wedding; Come After Breakfast; Jax-Presents—Melee Ala T. D. A.; Six Flats AND Elvis (yeeeee) Presley. Elvis was terrific; we don't know yet who "he" was, but it was a better impersonation than many professionals we have seen. Elvis could be no less than the grand finale—and then the dancing began—not in the dark but under a big beautiful "Moon over Miami".

Who but the charming Mr. Willoughby could possibly have had the honor of the first dance with Lady Dutton — the number one honored guest? Later he was seen tripping the light fantastic with our Honorary, Life Member, Helen Fitting, who has the enviable reputation of being the best dancer in all of the ADAA!

It was a great show, in a gorgeous setting; it provided the BIG, BIG evening of the week. We can't possibly begin to describe it, and the pictures in this issue can only begin to show it. But we can say, "Thank ya'll Florida members for the wonderful memories."

Installation Of Officers

The traditional Candlelight Installation Ceremony never ceases to make a lump come in the throat of many of us each year as we bid adieu to the retiring officers and welcome the new.

This year Past President Sadie Hadley served as Installing Officer and Past President Mildred Rinn as Conducting Officer. Our Honorary Life Member, Helen Fitting, and our Honorary Member from Canada, Marion Edwards, were seated at the Table of Friendship.

As we watched each Officer and Board Member installed, we thought of how each will meet her daily normal obligations to her family, her community, to a profession the coming year, and still find time outside of this just allocation of resources to perform a really selfless service to our association. And the beauty of this service lies in the quiet simple nature of performance. No fanfare, no bu-

gles, no showy publicity — she will just do it, and then look for the next thing to be done! And we were reminded of the Holy Writ which says, "He that would be a leader among you, let him be the servant of all." Again this year we were

Across page 1. to r. 1. A view of the Installation of Officers.

2. Treasurer, Darling at the Table of Friendship.

3-4. Marion Edwards presents the official pin of the Canadian Association to the newly installed President Kulstad, and a certificate of Honorary Membership in the association to ADAA member, Helen Fitting.

5. Mary Francis Dutton receives a Past Presidents Pin from the Council's new Chr., Mary Haney.

6. Incoming and retiring Presidents—Kulstad and Dutton.

7. At the Officers Table.

8. The President's Awards to Trustees for a year of service.

9. The Grand Finale—The Texas Delegation, assisted by Larry Moriarty, say, "Welcome to Dallas in 1958."

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deeply impressed by the consistently high quality and character of the women who accept the responsibility as leaders of our association, and by the tremendous resources made available to promote the American Dental Assistants Association.

We owe them much.

We saw many things and lived very much in those four days in Miami Beach. Perhaps many acquired a new outlook on the ADAA. Surely a great many can sincerely say that those days provided a most beautiful, fruitful and enriching experience—pages for their memory books.

Our new President, Magdalene Kulstad, was gracious in her acceptance of the responsibility that will be hers as our leader for the next 12 months. Her message appears on the President's Page of this issue.

Marion Edwards came forward to present to the new President the official pin of the Canadian Dental Nurses and Assistants Association, and the official pin of the British Nurses Association. She had a surprise award — that of presenting to our Honorary, Life Member Helen

Fitting, a certificate of Honorary membership in the Canadian Nurses and Assistants Association, The Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, members added the finishing touch by paying tribute to Helen, through words and by a gift for her contribution of service to their society. Helen was the founder of this society, and has continued her interest devotedly through the years.

In true Texas style (big hats and all) the Texas delegation came forward to extend a welcome to all to "BIG D" (Dallas) in 1958. Jippie Tolbert of Tyler, Texas, read letters of welcome from the Governor of Texas, and from the Mayor and Chamber of Commerce of Dallas. Later she read the Ten Commandments of Texans, to be remembered when visiting the Sovereign State of Texas. Larry Moriarty, Honorary member of the Texas Association, led the delegation in singing "The Eyes of Texas".

At the sound of the gavel the 33rd ADAA session was adjourned, and we closed the cover of the book entitled "The Miami Beach Story" 1957 edition.

NOVEMBER 1957 ANNOUNCEMENT FROM THE ADAA COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION—

At the ADAA Annual Session in Miami Beach on November 5, 1957, the House of Delegates voted to discontinue the term, "the official textbook" in relation to the Irwin R. Levy, "A Textbook for Dental Assistants." As new texts are published these will be reviewed by the Committee on Education from time to time.

Those societies that have purchased and are now using the Levy textbook may continue to use these books until October 1958. After that date it is suggested that "THE DENTAL ASSISTANT," by John C. Brauer, be purchased for use with the ADAA Extension Study Course.

To groups that have not bought textbooks for classes beginning in 1958, we advise you to purchase the Brauer book from the Blakiston Division, McGraw-Hill Book Company, 330 West 42nd Street, New York 36, N. Y. The retail price is \$7.00. Ask for the 20% discount, making the net cost \$5.60 per copy.

We hope it will be clearly understood by the local societies and state associations that from now on there will be no "official textbook," and that either of the two texts mentioned in this announcement may be used until October 1958. We prefer, however, that you buy the Brauer text when purchasing books for your 1958 classes.

SADIE L. HADLEY, *Chairman*
163 Cabot Street
Beverly, Massachusetts.

It's Goal to Go!

It's fourth down and goal to go!

The team has been in a huddle—the signals have been called—the ball is snapped and a pass into scoring territory is being attempted. Will the pass be completed?

What's this all about? . . . Just this: Several attempts have been made to carry our A.D.A.A. membership across the 10,000 goal line and several times we have been within scoring territory but just when it looked like the team would make a touchdown, the ball was lost.

This time we must score!

The team has called in its star quarterback, none other than the American Dental Association, whom we hope will spark the team to victory.

Forsaking football talk for a moment, let us explain what is being done for us. The American Dental Association is giving publicity and backing to the A.D.A.A. which should result in a big show of interest among non-member assistants in our Association. The A.D.A. is giving us this help with the purpose that more dentists will give active encouragement to their assistants to become members of the A.D.A.A. This is what the A.D.A. has agreed to do.

1. The A.D.A. is sending a letter to every member of the American Dental Association in one of its regular mailings on or about December 1 explaining the aims and purposes of the American Dental Assistants Association and advantages of membership in it.

2. Our A.D.A.A. President, Mary Francis Dutton, has been invited to speak to the A.D.A. House of Delegates in Miami to enlist the cooperation of the dental profession in our behalf.

3. The A.D.A. will have an editorial—or editorials—in the Journal of the American Dental Association on the subject of A.D.A.A. membership for dental assistants and will supply material for editor-

ials and articles for component societies to use in their dental journals.

Through these means, we hope to reach many assistants whom otherwise we could not contact. Responses to these A.D.A.A. articles will be addressed to our A.D.A.A. Central Office and from there, the name and address of the interested assistant will be sent to her state's Membership Campaign Chairman.

Returning to football lingo, it will be up to the individual state to receive the pass. Each state has a Membership Campaign Chairman whose duty it is to write to the applicant and describe the privileges and advantages of membership. In addition to this, the local membership chairman in the immediate vicinity of the applicant will be called upon to give her a person-to-person invitation to become a member of our Association.

Every A.D.A.A. member needs to know about this Membership Campaign and that is why we come to you in the pages of *THE DENTAL ASSISTANT*. We all know that spirit and enthusiasm as exemplified by the rooters in the stands help the team on the field to play a better game. Each one of us has a responsibility in this membership campaign to exhibit the kind of A.D.A.A. spirit which will make non-members want to be one of us.

Some of us have special duties. Education Committee members must make the educational programs of local and state groups so beneficial that they will attract new members—and hold the previous members. Program Committee members have a responsibility to make their meeting programs interesting and varied and predominately in the dental field. Social Committees will see to it that there is play as well as work, and that friendliness greets the new member rather than cliques or coolness. State and local Boards will necessarily work with the Membership

Campaign Chairmen for complete cooperation with each other department. Boards will act promptly on new membership applications and secretaries will send membership lists immediately to Central Office.

Although this A.D.A. backed campaign is being emphasized, do not discard the various means you have used in the past or new ideas to recruit members. Use

every resource at your command plus this additional drive.

No matter who you are, you influence the team to either score or lose the ball. Let's cross the goal line and then make the extra point after touchdown. So, go, gang, go! We'll tear down the goal posts and set new ones!

By: LAVETA LEHN, 1956-57 Chairman. A.D.A.A. Membership Committee

WHY SIT BACK?

By: MERLE ANDREWS, Huron, So. Dakota

I am sure all of us have been asked this question more than once, 'Why did you choose Dental Assisting as a Career? Surely there is no future in it or possibility for advancement.' Does this question cause you to think that possibly you *have* chosen the wrong field of work, or does it stimulate you on to a more determined pace in proving these friends wrong and spur you on to become *THE* Dental Assistant who *is* going to ADVANCE!

Many times I have wondered what I might be doing today had I not taken advantage of the opportunities offered me the moment I stepped into that dental office nearly twenty-two years ago for my first interview with my present employer.

I was just out of high school, feeling very inexperienced and frightened half to death because I had been taught to look upon all professional men with the deepest respect and awe and felt that surely *I* wouldn't fit in a professional office. I knew absolutely nothing about Dentistry and secretly wondered whether my pet subjects in high school, shorthand and typing, would be of any value to me, should I be accepted for the position.

I am sure many of you have had that same feeling. It doesn't last long, though, does it? Almost immediately I felt at home in my white uniform and white shoes, and it wasn't long before I was wearing my ADAA emblem pin and cap. The next step was the addition of the Cer-

tification Wreath to my Pin and the Certification Emblem to my cap.

When I look back, it seems I have come a long way from that frightened, inexperienced high school graduate to a Certified Dental Assistant. Yet, when I look ahead and see the vast amount of 'learning' there is yet before me it is still rather frightening. Maybe, I should say, rather than frightening, it presents a challenge to me.

Is there ever a time when we can say there is no more room for ADVANCEMENT? I don't feel that I am ready to just SIT BACK and do nothing but go to the office in the morning and home at night with a satisfied feeling that I know it all. I am very fortunate to have an employer who is not only willing to have me attend lectures and clinics but also encourages me to attend meetings and take an active part in my own State Association. He does not feel the time has come for me to 'just be a member'. The more active a member is the greater chance there is for her ADVANCEMENT. Don't you agree?

Are you an ACTIVE member in your Local Society and your State Association? Do you make it a point to invite new assistants to your meetings? Assistants who may not know about ADAA? Do you serve on Committees when asked, and hold offices when elected? Do you present table clinics at your local and state meetings? You are not an ACTIVE mem-

ber unless you fulfill part or all of these obligations to yourself and your Association. There is no better way to gain knowledge than to seek it, and you are actually seeking knowledge when you take an active part in your Association.

We know there are thousands of assistants throughout the United States who are not members of our Association. Why is this? It is partially due to the lack of encouragement on the part of the employers; but, more often it is due to a lack of interest on the part of the assistants. Of course, it is mainly through the local societies that we gain membership in the state associations; and this, in turn, increases the membership in the ADAA. It takes new members to bring new blood into our Association and new blood will bring new ideas which will cause the Association to be more appealing to its members. So WHY SIT BACK and expect someone else to hold the offices or present the table clinics! Why not start with your own 1957 state meeting and really become a part of it!

How many of you eagerly await the next issue of our Journal so you can read what other Dental Assistants are doing? Each time you read the Journal do you make a mental note that 'if she can do this or that, so can I'? Each time you attend a dental meeting do you take notes and gather information, then forget to look

at them upon your return home? Or, do you compile these notes and ideas and try to work them into your own office? My employer has told me if I bring home only one new idea each time I attend a meeting, that meeting was worth attending. What better way to ADVANCE than to show your employer that you wish to become a better Dental Assistant?

Have any of you really stopped and wondered who, other than yourself, is largely responsible for the success or failure you might be as a Dental Assistant? Do we take the time to give credit where credit is due? Or, do we just go day by day and week by week doing what we believe is expected of us and once we leave the office forget all about our profession? Think how much more pleasant our relationship with our employers and patients would be if we would take the time to add a few 'extras' in our office routine, such as making the reception room more attractive by the addition of flowers or plants; seeing that the curtains or drapes throughout the office are kept clean and neat; seeing that the mirrors are always bright and shiny; seeing that you have something at hand to entertain the small children who come to your office. These are just a few of the 'extras' that we, as Dental Assistants, should do besides the regular routine of the office schedule. In other words, not only should

From Central Office Wires

We are now starting a new year. Dues received after November 1st are being credited to 1958 memberships. Local and State Secretaries and Treasurers are requested to forward dues promptly so that members may receive their 1958 ADAA Membership cards and all the journals to which they are entitled. Please be accurate in spelling of names and in the detail of addresses.

The old ADAA Membership lists have been microfilmed. This was done to preserve these records permanently, and in much smaller space. The original papers have not yet been destroyed, and if any of the State Associations would like to have their own records, they may have them by writing to the ADAA Central Office and guaranteeing to pay the postage or express charges. We know that some of the State Associations have lost some of their old records, and it is possible that they would like to have these.

EDUCATION EFFICIENCY LOYALTY SERVICE

we remain active in our Association work, but, also, in our own offices; there is no time to just SIT BACK.

Don't you think each time we walk into our offices we are accepting a challenge? Some of you may say, 'Oh, every day is just the same'. I am sure that you

do not sincerely believe this, for if you do, you have not given your *ALL* to dental assisting. Let's accept this challenge and promise ourselves that we *WILL NOT SIT BACK*, but will do better and better, thus *ADVANCE* in step with the ADAA!!

ROLE OF THE DENTAL ASSISTANT IN A *Pedodontic Practice*

By: DRS. C. D. CATTON AND D. J. LASTON, Berkeley, Calif.

The Dental Assistants' role in a pedodontic practice is of more vital importance to that practice than a similar role in an adult practice; considering Dentistry for children offers many challenges which differ from those in a practice for adults. The assistants' services are indispensable in meeting these challenges and resolving them into a pleasant parental relationship.

The methods employed for pedodontic office procedures differ as widely as individual office environments differ. There are "many roads to London," and we shall describe only one typical staff arrangement in our area. This staff will consist of the pedodontist, a secretary-receptionist, and chairside assistant, and a part-time dental hygienist.

The personalities of the auxiliary personnel may differ as widely as the personalities of individual dentists differ, but in general we have found the following attributes to be most valuable. We shall not go into the basic attributes of stability, cleanliness, honesty etc., but will mention only specific areas of interest to the pedodontist.

The secretary-receptionist establishes liaison between the "office" and the parent. The doctor sees the children at every appointment, but may only get to greet the parent. It falls upon the shoulders of the receptionist, then to establish the necessary personal contact and rapport with parent, usually the mother. It therefore becomes the receptionist's duty to

please the mother. The receptionist should be a pleasant, attractive person with a natural or developed extrovert tendency in order to be able to encourage conversation with mothers and to hold her own in discussing the everyday problems of rearing children. She must be able to command the confidence of the parent in order to elicit response from the parent. She preferably should not evidence too high styling in her make-up, hair-do, or accessories. We want the mothers to feel relaxed, not uneasy, in her presence.

She must be especially trained in voice and telephone technic. It is extremely important to be able to project the personality of the office, properly, over the telephone. She creates the first, and often vital, impression of the office in her initial telephone contact for the first appointment.

The receptionist must have a good, generalized basic education in dentistry so that she may be able to discuss dentistry in general with parents. The advanced course for dental assistants given by the American Dental Assistants Association is particularly valuable in giving this broad background to her. It gives her a panoramic view of dentistry and exposes her to many aspects and differing personalities in dentistry which she otherwise would not receive.

Finally, the receptionist must create an outward calm, relaxed appearance. She will then be able to conduct relaxing discussions with anxious parents, or be able

to smooth over embarrassing or awkward situations. Her general background in dentistry will allow her to give some generalized qualified answers to most questions about dentistry which might be posed by a parent. Again, we would like to emphasize that it is important that she deliberately cultivate an interest in community and in subjects of interest to mothers and children.

The chair assistant becomes the pedodontist's third and fourth hands; but more important than this even, she offers the opportunity for developing her abilities to present the feminine approach to the child. This then can become a most valuable adjunct in the psychological approach to the normal child, or the psychological rehabilitation of the difficult patient. The pedodontist has a fine opportunity to train his assistant along these lines.

The chair assistant must be able to enjoy attending to detail. She must be able to conduct the operatory in a business like, efficient, yet relaxed manner. Her personality must mesh with that of the doctor and she and the doctor must enjoy working together. She must be intelligent enough to anticipate the needs of the doctor and also the child. For instance, she must be aware of the need for blowing the small child's nose or taking

him to the bathroom. She will know when to distract or talk to the child and when to keep quiet. Specific care and approach for different psychological patterns may be worked out by training and discussion between doctor and assistant.

The assistant must be able to impart dental health education to the child as well as to the parent. Few children brush their teeth correctly or realize the need for rinsing their mouth after snacks or the harm to the teeth due to candy and other sweets.

Through discussing the food preparations that may be made at home with sugar substitutes the parent realizes that we are not only interested in restoring the child's mouth to a healthy condition, but also in maintaining the healthy condition by preventive measures.

The rewards in practicing dentistry for children include many intangible objectives. There is the refreshing daily contact with children and adults. The opportunity to be of service to children and the love and respect, reflected honestly and without hidden adult reservations, by the child. The opportunity to be more relaxed around children than around adults and the attending informality. The reflection of appreciation by the parents. The very considerable satisfaction of correcting the problems of the difficult child

In Memoriam

KATHERINE HAUMAN departed this life on Tuesday, July 23, 1957. Her forty-six years of faithful service to her late employers, the doctors P. H. Markham and Frederick Markham, and their patients, has earned a special place in the hearts of all for Katherine. Her friendliness, counsel and love will be deeply missed by the Syracuse Dental Assistants Society.

THERESA CUNNINGHAM departed this life on Friday, August 30, 1957. She was a life member of the Valley District Dental Assistants Society of Massachusetts, and her devoted work for the Association, throughout the years, was an inspiration to all. Theresa will be deeply missed by her fellow members.

"The life given us by nature is short; but the memory of a well-spent life is eternal."

JOY PHILLIPS, General Secretary
American Dental Assistants Association

resulting in a well-behaved patient who becomes devoted to the doctor and staff.

We also enjoy following the activities of our patients and their parents in our community through church, scouting, etc. There is an emotional stimulus in having played a part in the development physically and emotionally of the child.

Working together in a smooth func-

tioning pedodontic practice with an occasional challenging situation can be a most satisfying and gratifying life's work and one which doctor, assistants, and hygienist may find truly rewarding.

Dr. C. D. Catton

Dr. D. J. Laston

Berkeley 5, California

Views of the NEWS

By MARION SMALL

"The fly sat upon the axle-tree of the chariot wheel and said, 'What a dust do I raise!'"—Aesop

FIRST DISTRICT

News from New Hampshire

The first meeting of the year was held by the New Hampshire Dental Assistants at the New Hampshire Highway Motel in Concord in September. Plans were made at that time for a very interesting and informative program for the year. Attending the National meeting in Miami were Norma Harris, New Hampshire President, as delegate, Pauline Michaud, alternate delegate, Evelyn Conlon and Betty Monterville. Norma presented her clinic, "Toothbrushing Technic."

Thirteen assistants took the certification examination and now are Certified Dental Assistants! New Hampshire records show that no member in the state has ever failed this examination. That is a wonderful record and our congratulations to you all! Thanks to Pauline Michaud for this New Hampshire news.

SECOND DISTRICT

News from New Jersey

On September 15th, this association held its first meeting of the year in Camden. On October 16th they held their Mid-winter meeting at the Seton Hall University, College of Dentistry, Jersey City. Two clinics were presented. Jane Douglass of Essex County gave her clinic, "Acrylic Repairs in the Dental Office" and Olive Salesbury and Joan Brennan of the Passaic County Society presented their clinic on "Office Management."

Study groups are being formed to meet monthly at the Jelenka Company in New York City. Courses on "Laboratory Procedures" and "Practice Management" will be offered.

At the September meeting of the Essex County group, Mr. Kurt Hafner presented a clinic on "The Team of Three." In October,

W. R. Baader of the General Electric Company, gave a clinic on "X-ray Technique."

News from New York

The Syracuse Society held a special meeting for all prospective members in November at the Merchants National Bank Building. This group is also starting a new Extension Study Course. Each monthly meeting of the Elmira Society is being planned by a different member and it is proving an excellent idea. Arrangements have been made for educational clinics and speakers to be presented throughout the year.

Nassau County Dental Assistants Society had the privilege of hearing Dr. Benjamin Schwaib present his clinic, "What the Dentist Expects of His Assistant," at their October meeting. Another interesting talk, "Office Management," was given to this group in November by Dr. William Quast, Jr.

The First and Second District Societies have combined to give their non-certified members the opportunity of taking the Extension Study Course. The First District group is also busy preparing their clinics and posters for their Greater December meeting.

President Beatrice Gindea of the Second

ATTENTION PLEASE

We have a new Editor of the Views of the News — She is Olive Steinbeck, 909 Normandy Drive, Miami Beach, Florida. Please send all news to be published in this department directly to Olive. If you have already sent your news for the January-February issue to the former Editor, you may be sure it will be forwarded to the new Editor.



PAST PRESIDENTS

RHODE ISLAND DENTAL ASSISTANTS' SOCIETY

Ann Kirby, Helen Searles, Sylvia Leveillee, Edith Sweet, Corrinne Dubuc, Norma Forant, Eleanor Gollogly, Rita Bannon, Ann Gorman, Stella Wightman, Julia Ruggiero, Florence Viens, Phyllis Jenkin.

District Dental Assistants Society presented a pre-meeting clinic in November. A White Elephant sale was also held, the proceeds of which went to their Welfare Fund.

THIRD DISTRICT

News from Pennsylvania

At the September meeting of the Berks County Dental Assistants Society, Mr. Fred Wallace of the Pelton Crane Company spoke on "Sterilization and High Volume Water Evacuation." In October, Miss Mary Ammon, D.H., spoke and showed films of her recent travels. In November this group took a trip to the Wernersville State Hospital for a demonstration of occupational therapy on mentally ill patients.

The first meeting of the fall season of the Philadelphia Society was held at the Evans Dental School, University of Pennsylvania, in September. Mr. Matt Cooper of the Climax Dental Supply Company presented a very interesting clinic entitled "The Uses of Rubber Base Impression Materials and Repairing of Acrylic Dentures."

The Pittsburgh Dental Assistants Society met for a dinner-business meeting at the Roosevelt Hotel on September 10th. Their guest speaker for the evening was a Trans World Airline Hostess who spoke on the highlights of her interesting career. Dr. N. Keith Hammond, guest speaker at their October meeting, presented an informative talk on "Vascular Surgery." In November, Dr. Chester Beale spoke on "Obstetrical Procedures."

Members of the York Dental Assistants Society attending their September meeting, had

the privilege of hearing Mr. Paul Aulhouse of the Reynolds Company, speak on "Stocks and Bonds." In October this group toured the Dentists Supply Company and at their regular monthly meeting had as their guest speaker, Dr. Kemble, Psychiatrist, York Mental Health Center. Dr. Glen Grove spoke on "Cancer" at their November meeting which was well attended.

News from Maryland

Joan Berry, Maryland Reporter, tells of the lovely Installation Ceremony held for their new officers and of the wonderful informal state meeting held at the summer home of Dr. and Mrs. Michael Kozubski where an interesting and educational agenda was planned for the current year. Their Third Extension Study Course has resumed classes with several new members participating. Their program for the September meeting was interesting. Mr. W. J. O'Donnell, Attorney, spoke to them on "Dental Malpractice." In October Mr. Oscar W. Hoar, Director of the Safety Service of the Baltimore Chapter of the American Red Cross, spoke on "First Aid in the Dental Office."

News from Ohio

The Ohio State Dental Assistants Association held its 18th Annual Meeting in the Deshler-Hilton Hotel, Columbus, on October 6-9, with an outstanding program of educational lectures, competitive clinics and film presentations. A Certification examination, under the supervision of the State Education Chairman, Wanda Brand, was given.

The Akron Society once again will offer the Extension Study Course to their members this

year through the efforts of their officers and Education Chairman, Imogene Brubaker. Akron delegates to their state meeting were Mary Mulson, Nancy Arnold and Virginia Dosch. Delegate to the ADAA meeting in Miami was Pauline Holb. This active group presented a new Attendance Trophy to their State Association for presentation at their annual meetings. Shirley Ann Garey, Membership chairman, reports their membership growing by leaps and bounds and congratulations go to all these hard working members. The Akron members had two meetings in October because of their state meeting. On October 3rd, Dr. P. A. Hreha showed slides and spoke on "Let's Take a Trip to Europe." On October 31st, Rev. Harry Nicholson talked on "Your Emotions are Showing."

The Cleveland Dental Assistants Society

"kicked off" its fall season in September with a dinner meeting at the Hickory Grill in Cleveland. Guest speaker was Alberta Reed, Secretary, Ohio State DAA. Alberta spoke on "Mix Well Before Baking. Yield—One Good Dental Assistant!" Other honored guests at this meeting were Dr. T. K. Reed, Massillon, Dr. F. F. L'Orange, member of the Advisory Council, and Dr. Suit, President-Elect, Cleveland Dental Society. It was announced that Letty Klocker will present her winning clinic, "The Dental Assistant's Library" at the State Meeting. The October meeting of this group brought an informative and educational guided tour of the Ransom and Randolph Company's installation in Cleveland. The November meeting gave the Cleveland assistants the privilege of honoring the Dental Hygienists of Cleveland. Guest speaker was Dr. Arthur Kuhner

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who presented a lecture on "Hypnosis in the Dental Office Today." Susan Rosenfeld is the enthusiastic reporter for the Cleveland Society.

The Stark County Society presented Dr. T. K. Reed who lectured on "Hypnotherapy in Dentistry" at the opening fall meeting. Announcement was made of plans to begin the sixth Extension Study Course under the supervision of Mary Jan Bender, Education Chairman. The October meeting of this society featured the Revision of By-Laws. In November they honored their doctors and their wives at the Annual Bosses Night with a dinner meeting at the St. Francis Hotel. The program of the evening, a "Mock Trial," was presented by Judge Donald McCarroll and Attorneys Richard Kuhn and Robert Levitt, members of the Stark County Bar Association.

FOURTH DISTRICT

News from Florida

Congratulations to the Broward County Dental Assistants Society who celebrated their Eighth Anniversary on July 7th. This group has come a long way since that evening eight years ago when Irene Barrett Smith, First President, was handed the gavel by Grace Robinson and called their first meeting to order!

Mr. Frank Parker from the speakers bureau of the United Fund, was the guest speaker at the September meeting of the Broward County Society. He showed slides and gave a short talk on the working of the Mental Health Clinic in Broward County. Present at this meeting were Reda Heath, Betty Myers, Arl Akrod, Annette Dela Porta and Judy Johnson, all prospective members. Guests were Mrs. J. N. Smith and Irene Faust.

The monthly meeting of the Miami District DA Society was held August 5th at the Robert Clay Hotel. Nell Prothero and Bobby Oxar read the by-laws and revisions were voted upon and approved. A warm welcome was extended to Anne Geiger, their newest member. Honored guest was Olive Steinbeck, former ADAA Trustee of the Fifth District and now a Floridian!

A Capping ceremony for ten of the Miami members took place at their September meeting. Maria Bothen and Dr. Robert L. Cherry presented caps and certificates to: Grace Martin, Marjorie Alexander, Anna Whiddon, Mia Athner, Mildred Tison, Sydelle Wolk, Thelma Roussos, Lee Maddox, Venita Sierra and Julie Fox. Guests present were Deena Secotta, Dr. Charles Oxar, Dr. L. L. Whiddon, Nancy Farmer, Gwen Dugger, Betty Hammond, Dr. Robert L. Cherry, Margaret Akers, Dr. Joseph A. DuPree, Claire L. Rudd, Dr. Stanley Eder, Edna Rudio, Dr. C. C. Christiansen and Dr. Robert Leeds.

The Dental Assistants of Palm Beach County have completed their Extension Study Course with fourteen assistants completing the course. This society has set up a registry for dental

assistants and hygienists who are seeking employment. Dana Moffett and Lori Wolkling have charge of this registry. Mrs. Myrtle Pierce, of the American Cancer Society, spoke and showed films on "Cancer of the Oral Cavity" to this group at a recent meeting. Dr. Leslie Bell was present to answer the many questions asked by the members in attendance. Another recent and interesting speaker was Dr. Samuel M. Mallamo who gave a talk on "The Desirable Dental Assistant."

The Volusia Society had the privilege of hearing Dr. Fleuchaus speak on "Anesthesia" at their first monthly meeting of the year and their reporter tells us that he really kept them awake! This group welcomes Carol Sharples into their group.

News from Alabama

A Great Big Welcome to Alabama's newest Dental Assistant Society—the Northeast District! On August 15th at the Horseley Hotel in Albertville, the organizational meeting of this new society was held. Speakers for the evening were Bonnie Franklin, Alabama State President, Grace Browning, ADAA Trustee, 4th District, and Phyllis Weaver. A number of the doctors witnessed the impressive Installation Service and extended encouragement and welcome to the new society. Their September meeting was held in Guntersville.

In July, the Birmingham members spent an enjoyable evening with Dr. Jess McCormick as their guest speaker. He discussed correct office procedure. At their August meeting, they had the opportunity of hearing an Oral Surgeon, Dr. Thomas Jones, give an educational talk on Oral Surgery. Dr. Jones is an instructor at the University School of Dentistry and also has a private practice in Oral Surgery. Dr. John Dunbar spoke to this active group on "Diet and Nutrition" as their September meeting and gave them another interesting and informative evening. Plans are in the making for another Extension Study Class in Birmingham because certification has meant so very much to those girls who have taken the course and become certified that they are determined that every dental assistant in their community have this opportunity. Congratulations to Cullman members Orphia Schlosser, Dot Waters and Mary Frances Branch who received their Dental Hygiene licenses in June. The Cullman Society had as their guest speaker, Dr. Jack Vogel for their September meeting.

The Mobile Dental Assistants Society had the privilege of hearing Dr. Hill of Springdale speak to them on "A Tribute to the Dental Assistant."

The Fifth District Society heard an interesting talk by Erna Ruth Currie on "The A.B.C.'s of Dental Assisting," at their September meeting. Phyllis Weaver gave an informative talk on "Diet and Nutrition." Members Sylvia Brock, Juanita Kerby, Mary Wills and Amber Nummelley have begun their Hygienist

Correspondence Course and are thoroughly enjoying it.

The Montgomery Dental Assistants Society held their August meeting at the Public Health Center where they heard Dr. Norman Harris speak on "Oral Hygienists and Periodontics."

Congratulations to all Alabama members who have received their Hygienist licenses.

The Dothan Dental Assistants Society had their Annual Clinic Night at their November meeting. In addition to the presentation of several excellent clinics, the members heard some very well written dental papers and saw the interesting posters submitted by members.

FIFTH DISTRICT

News from Tennessee

Second District Dental Assistants Society began its fourth Extension Study Course with nineteen members enrolled. The girls would especially like to express their appreciation to Dr. B. Ogle, their advisor, and all the others in the district who made this course possible. First District Society is completing their second study course which began with an enrollment of twenty-five members. Their September meeting was a party honoring the memory of Juliette A. Southard, Founder, ADAA.

Chattanooga Dental Assistants Society held their Certification examination in September. Good luck to all those participating!

The Memphis Society have added to their impressive list of committees, A Dental Health Committee. Plans for this group include promoting dental health through local schools and any other mediums available. Congratulations to Memphis for this sign of advance! Their Certification examination was given on October 27th at the University of Tennessee Dental College.

News from Virginia

The members of the Richmond Dental Assistants Society have adopted for their annual project the assisting of the local dentists at the William Byrd Community House for Underprivileged Children. A series of lectures in Public and Human Relations were held at the John Marshall Hotel and given by Mr. John Frazee of the C & P Telephone Company. Dr. Breadus Masey, SR, presented a program on "The Importance of Orthodontia."

The Lynchburg Society observed Bosses Night with almost 100% attendance. Drs. Charles and Henry Thaxten presented the program on "An Unseen Dental Practice."

The Northern Virginia District Society had as their guest speaker in September, Miss Jane Stuart, a member of the District of Columbia Society. Her topic, "What My Society Means to Me," was an inspiration to all those attending.

Dr. J. C. Kanter was guest speaker at the September meeting of the Tidewater Dental Assistants Society. A very impressive Capping Ceremony for eight members receiving their caps and certificates was conducted by Pat Mason, President of the Virginia Dental

Assistants Association and Regina Williams, President of the Tidewater Society. In October, Dr. Walter Newton used as his subject, "Hypnosis." A surprise package sale was held to raise funds for the Juliette A. Southard Relief Fund.

News from West Virginia

The West Virginia State Dental Assistants Association held its Tenth Annual Meeting at The Greenbrier, White Sulphur Springs. An outstanding educational program was offered for those in attendance. Guest speakers were ADAA President, Mary Francis Dutton; Dr. Bernard J. Poindexter and Dr. John B. Davis. All spoke on subjects that were educational and interesting. Clinics were given by Erna Freeland, Kanawha Valley Society, on "Why X-ray?"; Nancy Curry, Huntington Society, "Proper Toothbrushing For Children"; Lillian Ashcraft, Marion County Society, "Progress in Dental Assisting" and Irene Tobin, Huntington, "The Importance of Foot Care." Award winners were: Lillian Ashcraft, Clinic Trophy; Glenna Beaver, Poster Trophy; the Charleston Society, Membership award; Parkersburg Society, Attendance Award and the Program Award went to the Huntington Society. Congratulations to you all! Your editor's thanks and appreciation go to Betty Duffill, Moselle Comer and Lillian Ashcraft for this Fifth District news!

SIXTH DISTRICT

News from Indiana

Peggy Lee writes with enthusiasm of all the wonderful steak fries and picnics held during the summer by the Indiana societies. The Indianapolis Society held their September meeting at the home of Dr. Ryle B. Mayhall. An interesting meeting was followed by a steak fry with Dr. Mayhall presiding as Head Chef!

The Northern Indiana Dental Assistants Society started their new Extension Study Course in September with a large group of enthusiastic members participating. All our best wishes!

News from Illinois

The Centralia Dental Assistants Society opened their first fall meeting with a dinner-meeting at the Hayes Hotel. Twenty-nine members and guests were present. The dentists, their wives and all State Officers were invited. Gladys Triphahn, Illinois President, spoke to this group on "The Three Questions." 1. What does your society mean to you? 2. Why did you join? 3. What are YOU doing to better it? Janet Lindenberg, 1st Vice President, Illinois Association, spoke on "Education. Take it. Don't Leave It." Juanita Little, President-Elect, Illinois DAA, presented an interesting talk on "Public Relations, Loyalty and Service." Maurine Wheeler, Publicity Chairman for Illinois spoke on "Publicizing Your Society."

Following this interesting program, a lovely Installation Ceremony took place with Gladys Triphahn and Janet Lindenberg acting as In-

stalling and Conducting Officers. Juanita Little and Maurine Wheeler sat at the Table of Friendship.

Dr. Walter E. Dundon, President, Chicago Dental Society, was guest speaker at the September meeting of the Chicago Dental Assistants Society. He brought greetings from the Dental Society to the Assistants. The feature of the evening was the Capping of the 6th group to be Certified. Members capped were: Betty Brightmore, Margaret Crosby, Clotilde Johns, Barbara Kilburg, Roseanne Kinn, Jean O'Brien, Agnes Lewis, Margaret Mansfield, Betty Tarico, Gary Waddell, Harriet Wedow all from Chicago, and Mary Fry from Peoria. Congratulations to you all! The Chicago Society started their 7th Extension Study Course in September with 30 members attending.

The West Suburban, North Side and South Side Branches of the Chicago Society all held "Get Acquainted" dinners for their September meetings.

On October 17th, the Chicago Society had as their guest speaker, Dr. Stanley R. Korf who presented a very interesting talk on "Gaining Rapport with the Child Patient."

The South Side Branch held their October meeting at Nielson's in Chicago, at which time they heard an informative talk on "The Duties of a Dental Assistant."

The North Side Branch met in October at the Oxford Restaurant when Dr. Sheppard spoke on "Oral Surgery."

The Fox Valley Society had at their September meeting, guest speaker Miss Nancy Weis of the Illinois Bell Telephone Company who spoke on "Your Voice and You." Their October meeting featured Miss Mary Shaughnessy, Superintendent, Illinois State Training School for Girls at Geneva, Illinois. This Society started their first Extension Study Course in September at Copley Memorial Hospital in Aurora with 24 members participating.

The McLean County Assistants opened their first meeting of the year with a weiner roast at Lake Bloomington. This was a "Get Acquainted" meeting with several new girls attending. The business meeting consisted of the appointment of committee chairman and a discussion of all brochures and correspondence received during the summer. The October meeting featured a Uniform Style Show presented by Unique Uniform Shop in Normal, Illinois.

Mr. John Trogolia of the S. S. White Company spoke to the members of the Northwest District Society at their September meeting.

Summer vacations were not in order for all of the Peoria Assistants as some of them were busy as usual helping with Community Projects. One week of July was spent at the "Heart of Illinois Fair." Here they helped maintain the exhibit sponsored by the Peoria Dental Society on "Fluoridation." Some of the girls donated their aid to help with the registration

for free chest x-rays sponsored by the TB Association Mobile X-ray units. Their first fall meeting was held at the home of their new President, Mary Lee Lant. Mr. Jack Reinhardt of the Ney Gold Company, was guest speaker. Mr. Reinhardt also showed the girls a very interesting film. In October, this active group featured Mr. Wm. Kramer, representative from the Chicago Branch of the S. S. White Dental Manufacturing Company, as their guest speaker.

The Rock Island District Dental Assistants Society opened their fall season in September by inviting all of the Quad-City Dentists and Assistants, including those from Davenport, to a meeting at Butterworth Center. A very interesting and educational talk and 3 hour clinic was presented by Mr. Douglas M. H. Chandler, Representative Director of Public Relations, Rinn X-ray Corporation, on "Chair Technique, Dark Room Procedure, Error Recognition, and Dangers and Hazards of Radiation." At their October meeting, with pumpkins and ghosts a flying, Mr. M. N. Jacobs from Jacobs Dental Laboratory, Davenport, Iowa, presented his lecture on "World Populations."

The Springfield Dental Assistants Society will feature Dr. Milton D. Bauman who will speak on Neuro-Psychiatry. This active group has been busy collecting money for the United Fund in Springfield. Good luck, girls, on your 1958 Membership Drive!

The Western Illinois Dental Assistants Society held its Annual "Bosses Night" at their September meeting in the Hotel Custer in Galesburg. Prospective members were honored at this meeting. Guest speaker of the evening was Mr. Edward Lipawsky from the Dentist's Supply Company of New York who showed a film, lectured and gave a clinic—all on the "Selection of Teeth for Prosthetics." In October, Dr. Hancock from Salem was guest speaker.

News from Wisconsin

The Dane County Dental Assistants Society started off their yearly programs in September by hearing a very informative lecture on "Office Management" given by Dr. L. O. Skaalen. These Madison Dental Assistants were lovely hostesses at the fall meeting of the Wisconsin Dental Assistants Association on October 12 and 13. An excellent educational program was presented and thirteen members took the Certification examination. Preparations are being made by the Dane County group for their next Extension Study Course classes. Four of their members, Shirley Jennings, Betty Mueller, Florence Martin and Josephine Pilon attended the ADAA meeting in Miami. Shirley and Josephine presented their clinic, "The Do's and Don't of Telephoning" at this national meeting. Congratulations, girls! Their November meeting will feature Dr. Robert J. Samp with his talk on "Cancer, Dental Technicians and People."

The Pfister Hotel was the setting for the first meeting of the Milwaukee County Dental

Assistants Society in September. Dr. C. M. Wilcox, President, Milwaukee County Dental Society, was their guest. He extended a welcome and best wishes for the coming year to this group from the Dental Society. October was their Clinic Month and Kathleen Auer presented an excellent clinic on "Investment, Burn Out and Casting" of inlays. "Table Clinics" was the topic chosen by their guest speaker for the evening, Dr. A. J. Maney.

News from Michigan

The Kalamazoo Valley Dental Assistants sponsored a rummage sale on Labor Day weekend which was a great success. Congratulations to Marilyn Hathaway, Alice Davidson, Doris Manzullo, Leona Wood and Doris Holtrop who received their State Certificates this fall. On September 16th they met for their "Get Acquainted" party. New members were greeted and prospective members invited to join this wonderful group of dental assistants. Thanks to Shirley Hupp for this first news from Kalamazoo!

Virginia Hansen, Publicity Chairman, Southwestern Dental Assistants Society, writes that this busy group of Dearborn members are starting another Extension Study Class this fall. Good luck girls and may your big membership drive be a great success!

The Downtown Dental Assistants Society of Detroit opened their fall meetings in September by hearing Mrs. Boyle speak on the "Ethics of the Dental Assistant" and a Juliette A. Southard Birthday Party. Dr. B. F. Goodman spoke to this group at their October meeting on "Dental Repairs." On November 19th the Annual Doctor's Night was held at the Whittier Hotel with Mr. John Walter of the Detroit News as guest speaker. Thanks to Sophis Plonecki for this Detroit news.

SEVENTH DISTRICT

News from Iowa

The Northwest District Dental Assistants Association held their Annual meeting September 23 and 24. On Sunday a lovely "Symphony By The Sea" tea was held with the Dentists wives as honored guests. Melvina Scholten, President, presided at the educational meetings which included films entitled, "Dental Assistants—Their Effective Utilization," "Hazards of Dental Radiography" and "Helpful Suggestions for a Pleasant Office." An excellent clinic, "You Too Can Do" by Inessa Pfister was presented and Dr. H. M. Klenda of Wichita, Kansas, lectured on "The Dental Assistants Role in Practice Administration" and "Examination, Consultation and Treatment Planning." Alberta Houser, President, Iowa State DAA, was an honored guest. Your Editor thanks Edith Johnson for her fine reporting.

News from South Dakota

Sioux Falls DA Society is sponsoring another series of classes so their members and other assistants in the surrounding territory may become Certified Dental Assistants. Mem-

bers of the South Dakota DAA again did their part to further patient education in the home care of the mouth, presented toothbrushes to the youngsters and explained the proper method of toothbrushing at the Dental Exhibit in the Public Health Building during the South Dakota State Fair in Huron.

News from Minnesota

The Minnesota Dental Assistants held their Annual "Dental Assistants Day" on October 12th at the Lowry Medical Arts Building in St. Paul. Mrs. Charles Allen Ward gave a very interesting talk on her trip to Russia under the title: "Russia Through Free Women's Eyes." The second speaker was Dr. Raymond E. Johnson, Periodontist, with his lecture, "Your Own Teeth." Clinics were presented by the girls who were preparing to participate in the Clinic Session at the ADAA meeting in Miami.

Duluth reports a very instructive talk and demonstration by Mr. Zibell of the Zibell Laboratories in Duluth, on investment techniques. They also had ten children from the local orphanage as their guests for a day at the Duluth Zoo.

St. Cloud dental assistants used their monthly meeting time to visit the new water filtration plant where Superintendent Thielman explained to them all the new equipment. Particularly interesting was the fluoridation process to supplement the water with flourine and a process which was sold to the City Fathers by the local doctors and their assistants.

EIGHTH DISTRICT

News from Missouri

The Joplin Dental Assistants Society started their fall meetings with a dinner meeting in September at Wilders Restaurant. The two new members, Doris Young and Lorene Bradley of Carthage were welcomed. Mrs. Elizabeth McNatt, Manager, Professional Credit Bureau, was guest speaker. She gave an interesting lecture on "Methods of Collection." Esther Russell gave the group a report of the State Meeting which was held in St. Louis. Our congratulations go to Ida Sue Henderson, Donna Rago and Esther Russell who were Capped and received their certification at a lovely ceremony held on September 13th with all the doctors who taught their Extension Course Classes as special guests.

The Southeast District Dental Assistants Society held their September meeting in the offices of Dr. J. D. Holt of Dexter. Plans were completed for the Annual District meeting which was held October 10-11 in Kennett, Missouri. Their program for this meeting proved most educational and interesting. Merle Decker, Representative of the Dale Carnegie Institute was their featured speaker. The five table clinics presented by the members were all excellent.

News from Kansas

Congratulations to the thirteen members of

the Wichita Dental Assistants Society who were Capped and received their Certificates at the 7th and Southern District Meeting Luncheon on September 23rd.

News from Arkansas

The Fayetteville Society welcomed nine new members at a recent meeting and it is good news to hear that they are taking the Extension Study Course with the class started there in August.

NINTH DISTRICT

News from Idaho

Congratulations and a hearty Welcome to the newly organized society in Idaho Falls! The South Central Society had as its guest speaker, Dr. Rex Hall. Dr. Hall gave these members a very interesting and informative talk on "Embryology and Formation of The Teeth."

TENTH DISTRICT

News from Texas

Betty Witcher, Texas Reporter, writes that all local societies in Texas have gotten under way with excellent programs planned for the year and such enthusiasm that she is sure many outstanding accomplishments will be fulfilled!

The Dallas County Dental Assistants Society enjoyed making plans and being hostesses for all those ADAA and State Officers who stopped off there for the "Texas Round Up Party" on November 8th. Many plans were discussed for the big 1958 ADAA meeting in Dallas and we know that the Big "D" with the help of all the members in Texas and the Tenth District, will put on the BIGGEST and the BEST ADAA meeting in the history of our organization!

Dr. Bibb Ballard brought "Greetings from the Dallas County Dental Society" to the Dallas assistants at their September meeting. A lovely Capping Ceremony took place at this meeting to honor those members who received their certificates. Congratulations, you all!

The San Antonio Dental Assistants Society is probably the proudest group of girls in that there town! Their President, Mary Falk, has been appointed to the office of 2nd Vice President of the Texas Association. September was their Annual Barn Dance party which was enjoyed by all—old and new members. A Public Relations Committee has been appointed to work with the Dental Society. Another sign of progress. This committee will have a placement service for dental assistants as one of their important duties.

The Ft. Worth District Dental Assistants Society held its annual Capping Ceremony at the Ft. Worth Academy of Medicine. Welcome address was given by Dr. Jack Clark; Response by Ruth Kelly and Wilma Curtis acted as Master of Ceremonies. Guest speaker was Dr. R. H. W. Drechsel, President of the Ft. Worth Dental Society. Belinda Burleson, President, Ft. Worth Dental Assistants Society

was introduced and the doctors who acted as instructors for the Extension Study Course were presented with Certificates of Appreciation. Congratulations to the following members who were capped: Ruth Aldridge, Sharlmayne Clark, Oleta Freeman, June Harrison, Dorothy Hurst, Marie Rushing, Pearl Davis and Mary Brownell. A reception followed the ceremony with Dottie Burneburg, Frances Compton and Mildred Meador acting as hostesses.

News from Colorado

The 8th Annual Colorado State Dental Assistants Association Meeting was held at the Broadmoor Hotel in Colorado Springs on October 7, 8 and 9. On Monday they were privileged to hear Dr. William Suthers speak on "Professional Ethics" and Dr. Earl Zimmer lecture on "Restoring the Angle of Maxillary Incisor by Means of Cast Gold Inlay, Veneers of Silicate, Cement or Acrylic." On Monday evening a lovely banquet was held honoring 10th District ADAA Trustee, Elta Mae Selzer. Interesting lectures heard on Tuesday were "The Role of the Dental Assistant in Office Oral Surgery" by Dr. Leo Massimbene, "The Role of the Dental Assistant in Hospital Oral Surgery" by Dr. Iva L. Aaser, and "Psychosomatic Medicine" by Dr. Gordon Riegel.

Table Clinics presented on Wednesday were "Boxing and Beading Impressions" by Elta Mae Selzer, "The Ethical and Unethical Dental Assistant" by Irene F. Matthews, Evelyn Brison and Alberta Bolinger. These members are all from the Colorado Springs Society. Denver members participating in the clinic session were: Vera Dudnikow, "Dental Assistant in the Laboratory," Edyth Glau, "Patient Education" and Hazel Sear, "Helpful Hints." Iva Lee Hart from Greeley presented "Prenatal Nutrition," Joann Ryn of Boulder, "Sterilization" and Sharon Johnson also from Boulder, presented her clinic on "Chair Side Assisting."

The Denver Dental Assistants Society held its September meeting at the American Legion. Guest speakers for the evening were Dr. Guard who spoke on "Child Management" and Mr. Jack Jones of the Caulk Company, who demonstrated the mixing of Syntrex, Jeltrate and other of their products. Following the meeting, a "Get Acquainted" session was held with all new and old members becoming better friends. Among the new members are Ruth Winston, Helen Banko, Jean Fielder and Eunice Leck. Another Extension Study Class was started in Denver in September with another large group of assistants taking this wonderful opportunity to become eligible to be certified. Thanks to the Editor of the Denver Newsletter, "Star Gazing"!

Daisy Madrigal sends the good news that the Boulder Society is planning on including assistants from the city of Longmont in their society and that plans are under way for an Extension Study Course to be offered to all

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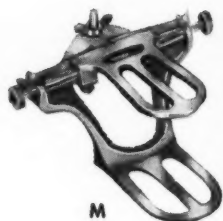
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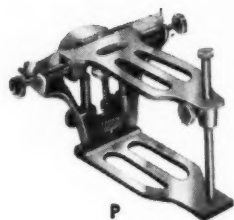
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these members in the near future.

The first fall meeting of the Colorado Springs Dental Assistants Society was held in the First National Bank Building. Plans were completed for the Colorado State Meeting which was held at the Broadmoor Hotel in beautiful Colorado Springs with these members as hostesses.

You Editor sends her thanks and orchids to the Editors of the Colorado State Bulletin, Joyce Bennett and Iva Lee Hart. They are doing a splendid job!

News from New Mexico

Congratulations to Pauline Briggs, President New Mexico DAA, for having had her clinic on "The Use of Vacudent" chosen by the ADA Council on Scientific Sessions from the hundreds of clinics submitted. We know that Pauline did an excellent job in presenting her clinic in Miami with those given by doctors from all over the world! No wonder New Mexico is proud of their President!

ELEVENTH DISTRICT

News from Southern California

Members of the 11th District were not inactive during the past summer as San Diego was the locale for the Tri-Annual Pacific Coast Dental Conference. The caliber of the educational features and those who waited to combine their vacation with the meeting, were not disappointed as the meeting site

offered so many possibilities to the vacationers.

Among the 183 dental assistants who attended there were representatives of the ADAA, Northern and Southern California, Arizona, Nevada, Oregon and British Columbia.

On the Panel Forum, those attending were fortunate to hear Magdalene Kulstad, ADAA President-Elect speak on "Our Association," Elma Troutman, ADAA 1st Vice-President, on "Little Pearls," Violet Hanson, "Functions of your ADAA Certification Board" and Mr. M. F. Jackson, Jr., Broker, who spoke on "Investments, Stocks and Bonds."

Lulu Muhrman, Clinics co-chairman, presented the following clinicians: Cosetta French, "Assisting in Gold Foil," Ruth Collins, "The Dental Assistants Silent Aide," Mary Michelsen, "Surgical Assisting," Vivian Esslinger, "Malpractice Prevention," Edith Acosta, "Collections," Mavis Bailey, "The Dental Assistant and Hydro-colloid" and Eva Miner, "Aids for Better X-rays."

Guest speakers at the Education Program were Dr. Ross Huntley who spoke on "Thorough Case Diagnosis, Presentation and Office Routine." Dr. Huntley demonstrated with the assistance of his assistant, Mildred Huston. Dr. Henry M. Tanner presented many exciting new ideas in his stimulating subject "Time and Motion Studies." Chairman Mary Rowley and her committees are to be congratulated and thanked for this excellent program.



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